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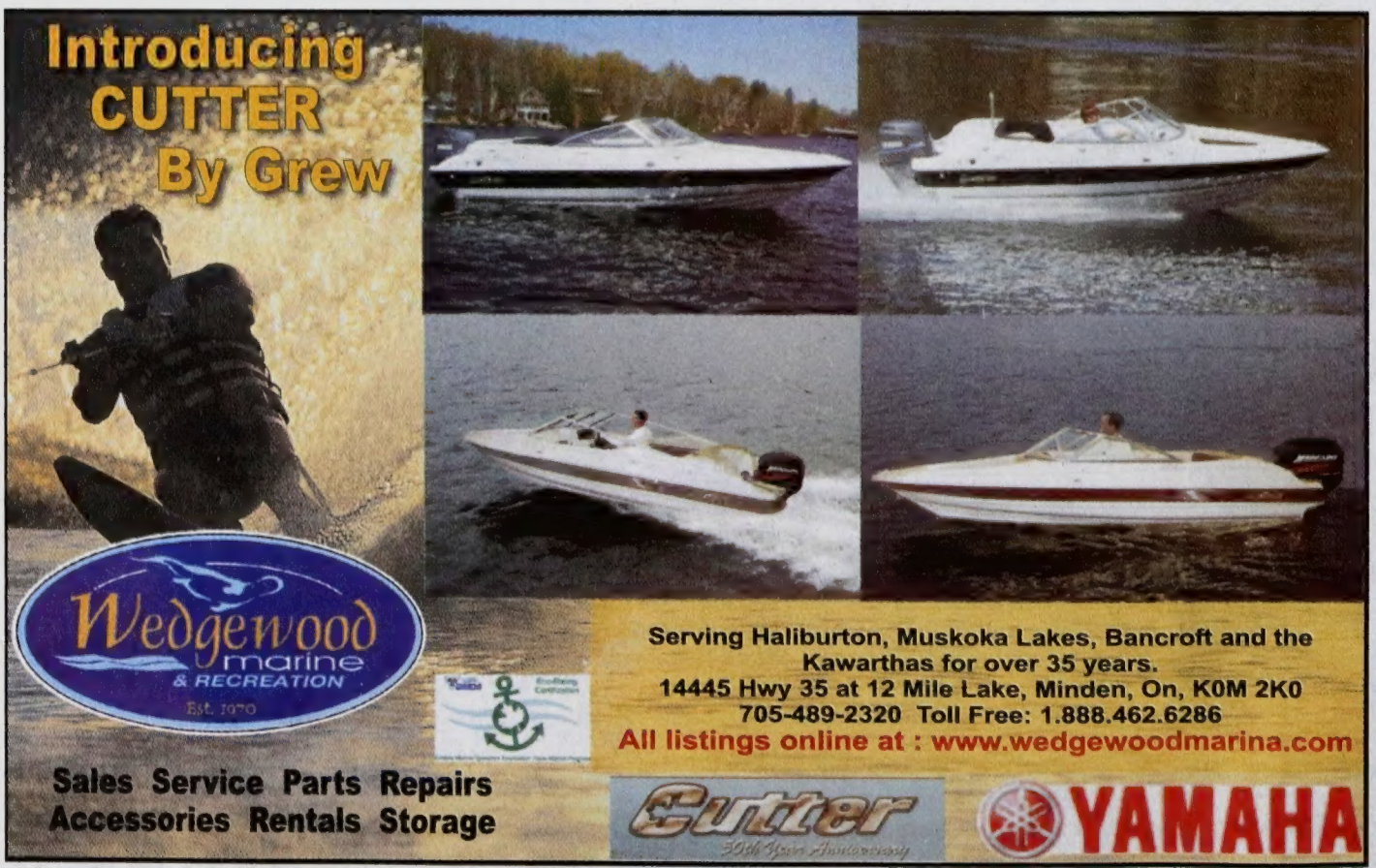

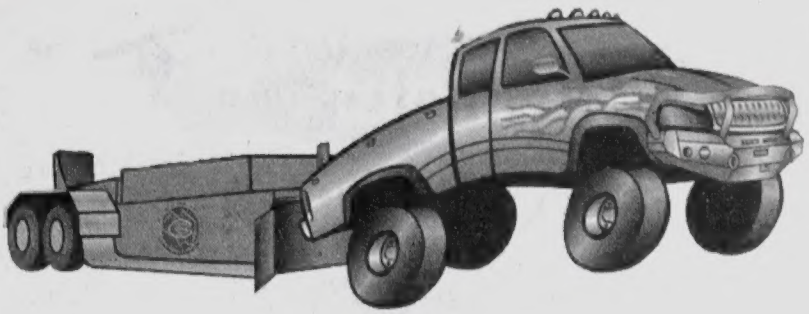

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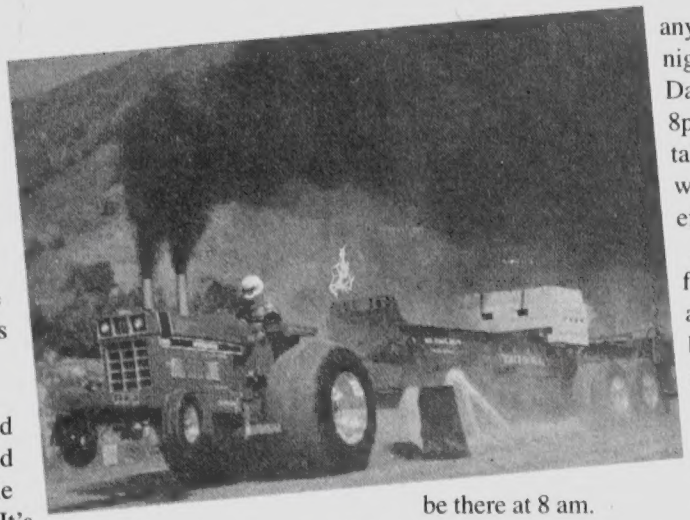

Want to see some cool trucks? This is one fun event for the whole family to attend. It's the 20th annual Minden Kin Club's Truck Pull & Show & Shine and it's coming to Minden Fairgrounds June 23rd.

Watch as Highway tractors, dump trucks, log Trucks, diesels, pickups and modified vehicles show their power and Tandems & Tri-Axles their muscle while pulling and moving a weighted truck. It's definitely a cool event to see and is sanctioned by the Great Lakes Truck and Tractor Pullers Association. Your chance to see up close some of the areas cleanest, shined up trucks is there too as the event holds a "show & shine" where the truck owners spend weeks cleaning and shining their vehicles for the show and are judged to determine whose truck is the best looking one. There will be some really clean trucks touring our roads over the next few weeks for sure! The event sees many local trucks and some as far away as Winnipeg.

This year will see a new Mini Modified Class plus a Modified 2 wheel drive class which shows off modified tractors and trucks pulling a lot of weight. How much can they pull? Come and see for yourself.

Bring your thirst and appetite with you as there will be food concessions and a beer tent on site. Camping is available for anyone who wants to spend the night. The evening will see a Dance at the Minden Arena from 8pm – 1 am, featuring live local talent "The Rabid Dogs". There will be a wristband policy in effect and entrance is $15 each.

A good time to show up at the fairgrounds is around 9 or 10 am. The show & shine judging begins at 11:30 am , the truck pull starts at noon, and the modified 2wd class starts at 3 pm. Make a day of it! If you are registering your vehicle, be there at 8 am.

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Highland Cleaning Service

Spotlight On Business

by George Farrell

Celebrating Their 5th Anniversary in Business

This year marks the 5th anniversary for Highland Cleaning Service. It's a service which offers contract cleaning, including carpet and upholstery cleaning, and new construction clean-ups. Most of the business is split between 2 large contracts, and residential work. The business is owned and operated by Larry Boxall, with able assistance on occasion, by Larry's wife Liz. They say five years is about the average length of time for a new business to become financially solidified. Of course all new businesses have their ups and downs before they either sink or swim. Highlands Cleaning Service is swimming, thank you, but it hasn't been easy.

Liz's grandfather bought a cottage on Kennisis in 1956 and Liz has been coming up to the Highlands all her life. Liz's Mom and Dad retired to the area in the mid 80's. Liz and Larry were married at the Pinestone 8 years ago. They were introduced by a mutual matchmaking friend in January of that year and were married in September. Larry was originally from North Bay, but spent 25 years in the Kitchener area up until 2002. Both Larry and Liz lived in Kitchener for the first 3 years of their marriage and Liz had to commute daily to Toronto where she had a job at Bell Canada. Larry was working for an outfit called Muldoons Cleaning Service.

"My mother passed away in 2001," says Liz, "and Dad was by himself up here. He was 79, and he was fighting an ongoing battle with cancer. So in order to be closer to dad, we started looking into the feasibility of moving up full time and starting a cleaning service. We looked at the offices and the potential future growth of the community, and also what the competition was like. Things looked promising, so we decided to move up here and give it a shot."

Larry continues the story. "We sold our house in Kitchener and moved into Liz's family cottage. We were in the process of doing that and planning to be moved in by June, when Liz's Dad passed away suddenly in May." To add to the Boxalls woes the cottage on Kennisis needed a lot of work. It was a 50 year old structure and it wasn't properly winterized. They had to pull out the fireplace and put in an airtight, install new septic plumbing and a heat line, install new insulation, and water lines. The list of upgrades seemed to go on and on. While Larry was living at the cottage and trying his best to make it livable, Liz was still working for Bell in Toronto, and coming up weekends. Miraculously she managed to finally get a transfer from Toronto to the Minden office. "I never thought there would be an opening up here," Liz says incredulously. "I guess it was just meant to be."

For the first three years that Larry was in the Highlands he was trying hard to develop his own cleaning business, but like many people who start their own business he had to work for someone

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Highland Cleaning At Your Service

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else until such time as the new business was on solid ground, and during that period he worked for Steve Drew Construction. "I was slowly building up the cleaning business, and thankfully, for the last two years I have had enough business to keep me more than full time," says Larry. "When I get really busy Liz helps me out with some early mornings and some weekend work. Larry was able to hit the ground running so to speak, because wisely when they sold the house in Kitchener, they invested in an all-wheel drive van, and all new cleaning equipment, including the heavy duty, steam carpet cleaning machine, floor scrubbers and a vacuum.

Looking to the future Larry states that "I'd like to keep the business growing and see it continue to grow. In the immediate future I hope to be hiring part time employees in the summer, which is our peak season, and maybe a full time/part time person year round." Liz sees the opportunity for growth. "We've seen the full time population increase on the lake. When they opened up the West Shore Road on Kennisis, that added approximately 100 more lots and things like that are happening all over. As we get older we are seeing more and more permanent residents."

In spite of the increased population the Boxalls enjoy the slower pace. "It's such a different pace, Liz says, and we feel like we're dealing with humans instead of an anonymous voice (Ma Bell Speaking?). People are so much friendlier. Nobody is in a hurry, and you can get to know people in the restaurants and stores. I cringe whenever I have to go to Toronto now. We go to a lot of events," she continues. "When you are a cottager you tend to stay on your lake, but when you live here you discover so much more about the area."

So it would seem that the major problems for Liz and Larry are over. Highland Cleaning Service is established, and they've become valuable contributors to the area. "June 26, 2002 was my first carpet cleaning job, so this is basically our 5th anniversary," Larry says proudly. Even though we're not really a 24 hour service, we would like people to know that we will work to a schedule that suits our customer's needs. We'd like to thank all our regular and new customers for their support and the referrals, and we hope to continue giving them the good service that they've been used to."

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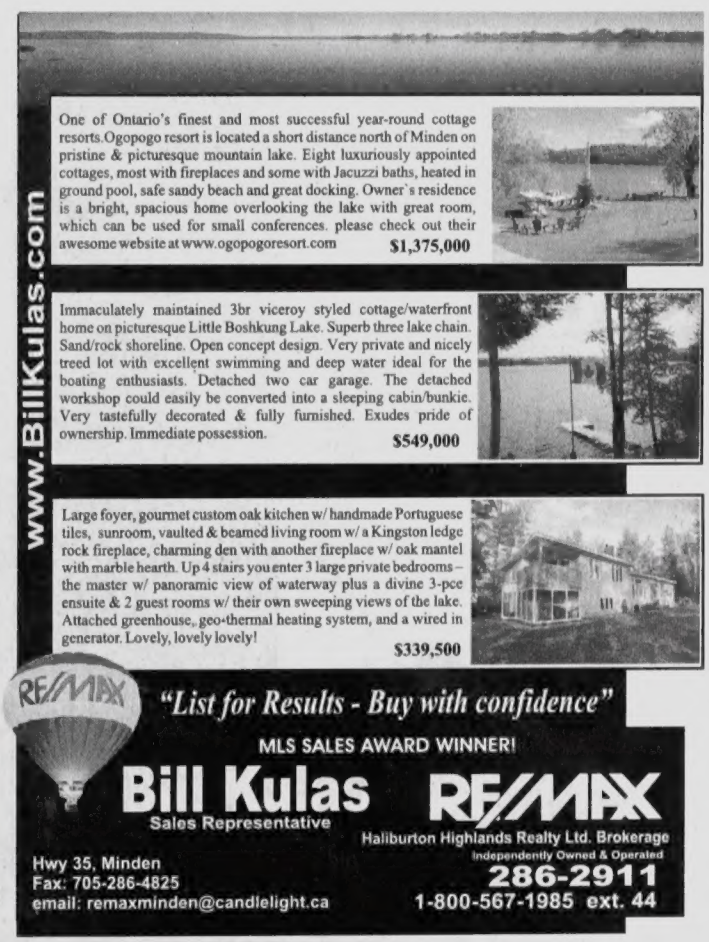

New Business *Introducing ...*

Buck 'N' Up

By Terrance Gavan

So the name of the newest addition to Haliburton's business community is *Buck 'N' Up*, but owner Rhonda Cooper would like to make one thing perfectly clear:

"We're not a dollar store," laughs Cooper, hearkening the old saw about "not judging the book by the cover, or in this case, the title".

Indeed, most "Dollar Stores" do not carry 62" High-Def Televisions as part of their everyday floor inventory. Nor do they boast an assortment of doors, windows, fridges and mattresses. *Buck 'N' Up* features a nice assortment of large items in addition to the regular stock sundries that one must provide to remain as a viable enterprise in the heart of cottage country.

The *Buck 'N' Up* store is located on Highland Street in the old Rexall Pharmacy site and Cooper was actually working at the Coboconk *Buck 'N' Up* store when the opportunity to take possession of the 5000 square foot property presented itself at the end of April.

Cooper says it was a great opportunity and she and her partner jumped at the chance.

Cooper and partner Rick Stewart live in Norland, but they had become familiar with Haliburton over the past couple of years. "We play hockey here and we knew it was a nice town," says Cooper, who grew up in Whitby, but moved to Norland about eight years ago.

"I was actually a medical secretary, but there wasn't much work," says Cooper. So about eight years ago she packed up and moved to Norland and actually became involved in woodworking. It was at that point that the new "*Buck 'N' Up*" store opened its doors in Coboconk. "I started working there part time and I was still doing woodworking," says Cooper. The Coboconk location boasts about 30,000 square feet and has burgeoned into a thriving enterprise over the last 7-8 years.

"It's just crazy there in the summer," says Cooper, who has done her homework and is very confident about the business outlook here in Haliburton.

Rhonda remains friends with her former employers and she says that they fully support her move. She also allows that she learned a lot from her experience at the Coboconk *Buck 'N' Up*, something that will certainly compliment this foray into small business in cottage country.

The maxim for new business starts is still "*location, location, location*" and Cooper says that the storefront is in a prime spot to draw a hefty share of the summer traffic.

She also did her groundwork and knew that "it's very busy here in the summer." Rule two in Business 101, right after that location thing, goes something like this: "*When opening a business in cottage country, try to time your opening somewhere on or around the May 24'th weekend. Do not, we repeat,* ***do not*** *time your start-up with the Labor Day weekend*"

So, Cooper and Stewart did not take long to decide when the old Rexall Pharmacy locale came on the market back in April.

And with a lot of hard work and some frontline buying, Rhonda was up and running 7-days-a-week for the first wave of the summer invasion three weeks ago.

Stewart is still working at *Fleetwood Sales* in Lindsay, but they will be shutting their doors for the last time in July and he will probably be called upon for more than just his regular weekend shifts after that.

Right now Cooper handles the floor unaided, grabbing a quick lunch via office microwave in between customers. "We probably will be open every day, even in the fall and winter, and right now

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we're open from 9-6 every day and 10-4 on Sunday," says Cooper, who says that she has noted a steady upsurge in business over the last three weeks.

"It's definitely getting busier every day," says Cooper. And most important, from an inventory standpoint, she is beginning to sell some of the bigger ticket items. Fridges, mattresses and televisions are moving.

"I just sold a fridge and a mattress," says Cooper and she expects that trend to continue as we move toward the July long weekend. *Buck 'N' Up* does furnish a lot of its big-ticket inventory from Factory Closeouts, but it also garners stock from big suppliers who are clearing space for next year's models. Thus the prices are very reasonable.

"The inventory is all new" says Cooper.

For shoppers who are looking for sundries and smaller ticket items, the store also stocks a regular line of, *"yes okay"*, items priced at a dollar and up. Cooper says she tries to keep a wide assortment of knick-knacks and miscellany on hand in addition to the larger sales items.

Just a note here from the honest scribbler... the notes taken for the story were transcribed with *Buck "N' Up* pen on *Buck 'N' Up* notepad.

One nice surprise is the all-inclusive pricing policy. "Tax is included on items," says Cooper. So put away your PST and GST calculators when shopping at *Buck 'N' Up*. The sticker tells the tale. A nice touch in today's marketplace, especially when one is considering the purchase of one of the bigger ticket items.

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Cooper is putting in some long hours right now, but is, on the whole, pleased with shop and happy about the move.

"We opened three weeks ago and so far it seems like a good location," says Cooper.

But, as summer approaches, is it getting too busy for one person?

"We'll have to see," says Cooper, "right now I'm managing, but it is getting busier every day."

She says that she will have no trouble finding staff when the time comes.

"I'm not worried about employees," laughs Cooper. "I have a lot of relatives who are ready to lend a hand."

She says that nothing is written in stone right now and that the hours may change as summer approaches.

"Well, I haven't put up any hours on the door yet," says Cooper. "I try to get out of the store by six, but if it's busy, well, obviously I'm staying open. We'll probably keep the 9-6 hours until school's out and then we may look at longer hours."

And again, she plans to keep the store open seven days a week during the fall and winter, but allows that she will revisit that commitment when she is able to get a firmer grasp on traffic trends.

Until then she is anxiously awaiting the summer blitz and thoroughly enjoying her first few weeks in Haliburton.

"We like it here," says Cooper.

Oh, that's the third dictum of Business 101: *"Above all, find something you enjoy doing."*

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Minden Truly Puts the Concept of 'Community' Into Community Garden Project

There is a growing plot in Minden to support the local food bank, while helping students unearth the mysteries of gardening.

Who knew that the Three Sisters community garden at the Minden Hills Museum could offer so much?

Supporters of the community garden know all about it, and are eager to see the garden get growing again. That's why Grade 3 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School were hard at work last week planting and preparing the garden for another growing season. Students received help from members of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners and the Minden & District Horticultural Society.

"If you look up the meaning of 'community garden' in the dictionary, you are likely to see a picture of the Three Sisters Garden," says Megan Marchant, a supporter of the community garden initiative and a Public Health Food Worker with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

The Three Sisters Garden has several purposes. The garden is a literal classroom, providing an opportunity for gardening enthusiasts to share their experience and enthusiasm about gardening with local students.

Beans, squash and corn are planted each summer and given to the Minden Food Bank for use by its clients. The pumpkin harvest in October goes back to the students at Archie Stouffer School.

The beans, squash and corn that are planted each year give the garden its name. In Native tradition, corn, beans and squash are often called the Three Sisters because, as part of the circle of life, they rely on each other for survival. According to Marchant, planting these vegetables together works well since they also complement each other from a nutritional point of view.

Visitors to the Minden Hills Museum are encouraged to check out the Three Sisters Garden this summer to see how things are growing.

Volunteers are also welcome to assist with the garden. To help out or find out more information, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391, ext. 246.

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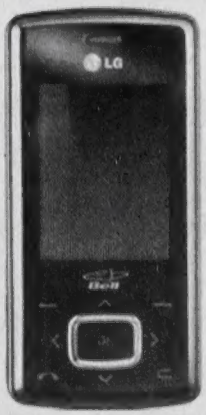

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The event starts at 7 pm with roughly 61 cancer survivors walking one lap around the track at the school. This should have emotions quite high. Then dozens of non-competitive teams will "relay" around the track with vision and clear purpose of raising money to fight this dreadful disease.

The event is open for all spectators to come, but no parking is allowed at the school, as it is reserved for survivors & volunteers. Park starting at Patient News and shuttle buses will take you to the school. If the parking lot becomes full there, there will be people to direct traffic to more parking.

The event will be a great one all around as there will be live bands, DJ, food concessions, auctions and all kinds of entertainment, so come on out on this night and show your support for the participants, volunteers, organizers, cancer survivors and victims. And also a nice round of applause for all the sponsors and spectators and anyone else involved in making this historic event possible.

Upcoming Minden Community Forum about Managing Water Levels In Our Lakes & Rivers

The following announcement will be of interest to people of all ages who live, cottage, or play on the lakes and rivers in the Haliburton Highlands.

The Minden Community Forum has held two very successful Forums which focused on different topics of importance to our community. If you missed those Forums, be sure not to miss our third Forum on Wednesday July 4th, the topic being "Managing Water Levels In our Lakes And Rivers". This will be an ideal opportunity for cottagers to become more involved in our community, and participate in our non-adversarial Forum based on communication, cooperation and understanding.

There has been considerable concern and many misconceptions about fluctuating water levels in the lakes and rivers in the Haliburton Highlands, as well as in other parts of Ontario. Parks Canada, Trent-Severn Waterway personnel who manage this program have asked to have an opportunity to explain at our Forum their water management program, the "big picture", and how they manage the reservoir lakes as part of the overall program. Their hope is that their presentation will help people gain a better understanding and appreciation of the size and complexity of their water control operations, and its importance to central Ontario. Also presenting at this Forum will be the "Coalition For Equitable Water Flow" who are concerned about issues in our part of Ontario, and have been working with TSW to explore possible improvements to the program.

Come out to this third in a series of "Minden Community Forums" on Wednesday July 4th at Minden United Church at 7:30P.M. Presentations will be made by Dave Ness, Water Control Engineer for *TSW Water Management Program* and by Bonnie Fleischaker, Co-Chair of the *Coalition For Equitable Water Flow*.

Cottagers and residents, let's keep the feeling of "community" in Minden strong, and get back "in the know" by attending this and future forums.

Hear their vision and ask your questions at the "Minden Community Forum" on Wednesday July 4th at 7:30P.M. at Minden United Church,
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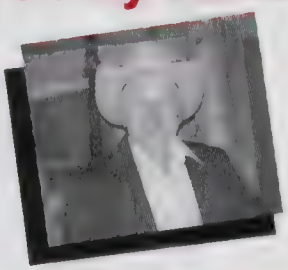

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Caring for Kids ...

A community based research project that collected local ideas about what is important for young children in their community

Close to Bancroft, but situated in Haliburton County, Cardiff is sometimes referred to as a forgotten community. However, as a result of a community research project Cardiff residents have had an opportunity to share challenges, strengths and ideas for change about their area.

Caring for Kids in Cardiff is a Community based research project that collected local ideas about what is important for young children in their community. The project was spearheaded by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, formerly Family Services. Other partners were invited to participate including U-links Centre for Community-Based Research and Cardiff Elementary School. The city of Kawartha Lakes sponsored the project through Best Start. Dr. Stella Voisin has been hired to write a final report.

Throughout the winter five focus groups were held where parents, caregivers and other community members shared their ideas on the roles of home, school and community in giving children age zero to six the best start possible in life.

The information was then presented at a public meeting on May 16 at the Cardiff Community Centre.

"It was great to see seniors, parents of young children, service providers and politicians discussing ways to make positive change for children," says Marg Cox, executive director for Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

The gathered information was organized under four areas: Respect and Pride, Strong Families, Balance of Home, School and Community and Cooperative Community. Each category presented a vision of what would like to be achieved in the community in that area and the challenges that presently existed.

Cox says the project was conducted in Cardiff as a result of a number of community residents committed to children and families, wanting to see a change in Cardiff.

"If you look at a map of the community and account for the services, there are many challenges," says Cox, "Although geographically the community is in Haliburton County most community residents use medical services in Bancroft. Cardiff residents on Ontario Works must go to an office in Minden which is almost impossible for people who may not have a car and can't afford a taxi."

Elaine Fournier, principal of Cardiff Elementary says the research project had an incredibly positive experience on Cardiff residents. "It brought people together, by bringing forth issues that people knew and didn't know about and it also validated areas in the community that are going well," says Fournier.

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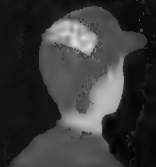

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Pharmacy co-owner Bill Weiler believed the hand gesture to be a pistol for a moment but quickly gave the holdup attempt a thumbs down. Peterson reportedly became upset, pushed Weiler, and the two allegedly scuffled their way down a flight of stairs.

During the fracas, Weiler unmasked Peterson and claims to have recognized him as the same person recently accused of forging prescriptions at the pharmacy.

Peterson escaped but was arrested later that night. He was charged with attempted robbery. Since he only used his fingers, an attempted armed robbery charge just wouldn't stick.

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A 22-year-old man, charged with robbing a Sunoco station was arrested after he left his cell phone behind at the scene of a gas station robbery.

Terrance Triplett was jailed on robbery, theft, conspiracy and other charges.

Police said Triplett was with another man at the time of the robbery (the other man's name was not released), when the other man pointed a gun at the clerk. The clerk handed over money from the cash register and his wallet and the thieves then fled the scene of the crime.

While they got away with the dough, police said they found a cell phone that was left at the scene and traced it back to Triplett.

Hello, bail bondsman, can you here me now??

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Although the research part of the project has been completed groups are continuing to meet to start putting ideas into action

One area identified was a lack of play and parenting groups in the community. Point in Time is offering to facilitate in these areas.

"The *Caring for Kids in Cardiff* research project gave people an opportunity to recognize they had a community voice and how to channel it appropriately," says Fournier.

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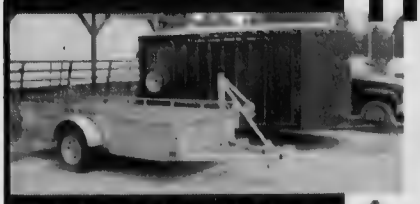

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By Laurie Jones

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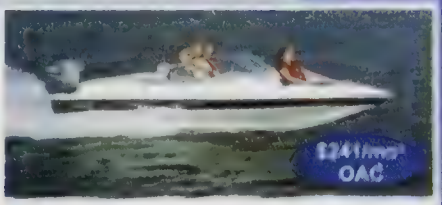

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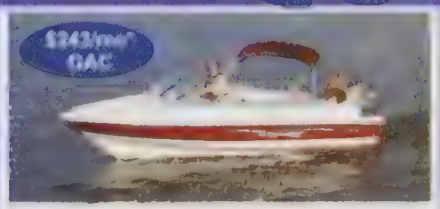

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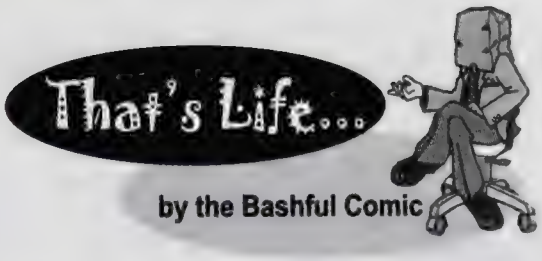

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"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, Isn't that obvious?)

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"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment.

"I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

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Boatwerks Teams Up with Algonquin Outfitters

It's AO Boatwerks Now

By George Farrell

Boatwerks has been on Highway 35 in Minden since 2002 when Jeff Strano bought out Wildrock Outfitters, who had been at the location since 1997. Wildrock sold mainly kayaks and associated products for those who were interested in Kayaking at the White Water Preserve on the Gull River in Minden. At 750 metres the Minden course is a recognized world class facility, and is the second most frequently used piece of white water in Eastern Canada. Boatwerks still specializes in kayak sales in Minden, and with giving instructional lessons to white water beginners. Jeff, being the enterprising man that he is also "saw the potential for flat water kayak sales for cottagers."

"I always thought of kayaks as bicycles for cottagers and I also envisioned a place where people could find high-quality outdoor lifestyle clothing and surf wear, at reasonable prices. The original shop is more like a gear shop, and destination store for travelers and cottagers- there is no walk in trade. Essentially in the fall of 2005 I found a space in Haliburton, in the Village Barn right on Highland Street, so I just went for it. I didn't want to regret not making the move. Everything is a risk in life. It's worked out well," says Jeff. "Like any business we've had our growing pains, but the financial aspect is not the only gauge. We've exposed a lot of people to the sport, and got them out on the lakes to enjoy their environment."

The teaming of Boatwerks with Algonquin Outfitters (AO) seems like a great move for both, as their client-base demographic is similar, and overlapping. That both companies will benefit is the

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ultimate goal, but the immediate benefactors of the union has to be the outdoor people of the Highlands who can now find both companies' equipment, accessories and clothing in one location in Haliburton village. "This full partnership with Algonquin Outfitters brings some of what they have to offer into the town of Haliburton," says Jeff. "They have been operating in Algonquin for 30 years and they have a good idea of how to operate a seasonal business. They're helping us to the next level, and it's reciprocal. They're bringing the Boatwerks philosophy into their existing stores-it's a synergy of two companies with similar goals and mind sets. It's a perfect situation. Boatwerks is the most popular website in Canada for white water. Boating is one small portion of what AO does, and now they're getting my expertise to help them increase their sales and exposure by having the Boatwerks brand within their existing locations.

The AO products and product lines in the Haliburton Boatwerks store are varied; some examples being shirts, bikinis, golfwear, and casual cottage wear, Crocks and Teva sandals, hats and caps etc. Anyone who has visited the AO store in Algonquin can attest to the very high quality of their products. Product lines include Life Is Good, North Face, Sierra Designs, Royal Robins, O'Neill and Quicksilver, which are all lines for men and women. Another line Jeff caries in the Haliburton store is Roxy, which is specifically women's wear.

"Traditionally our customers are 25 to 50 yrs old, but now we're hoping to appeal to a young crowd in the early to mid 20's by stocking the surf wear, but we have something for everyone, whether they're active, or want to lie on the dock."

The full partnership with Algonquin Outfitters is great for Jeff, but Boatwerks is mainly known for its kayaks. The Haliburton Store, which is managed by Corey Pietryszyn, is set up for retailing flat water kayaks specifically. There are recreational flat water kayaks and the touring versions which come equipped with storage space for gear. Product lines are Dagger, Necky, Perception, Old town and Mad River. In the Minden store which specializes in white water craft, the product lines are Dagger, Wave Sport, Riot and Jackson.

Jeff Strano is looking beyond the present to what lies ahead, and he realizes that for the county to take full advantage of its full potential co-operation is needed; between merchants, citizens and the townships." Right now we offer instruction as well as sales," says Jeff, "and ideally I'd like to see Minden and Haliburton become synonymous with paddle sports. We have the resources with the lakes and rivers. I think that it will take a concerted effort on behalf of the townships and local businesses to get more people to come here-we have all the same things that Algonquin Park has to offer," and thriving businesses in outdoor recreation is of benefit to everyone. In addition, Jeff says that paddling "is a way to promote good health and protect the environment. I've just become marketing director for Whitewater Ontario, which is the government recognized association of white water paddlers. Their credo is to conserve and protect the rivers, and to grow white water paddling in Ontario."

"I'm really making an effort in the next couple of years to promote an increased awareness of the Gull River White Water Preserve in Minden," he says. "It's underutilized. It could be as big an asset to Minden in the warmer months as Sir Sam's is to Haliburton in the winter. It's a world class resource, a stones throw from Minden and locals don't use it. You don't have to be a daredevil to do white water kayaking," Jeff continues. We have some seniors into their 70's coming out a lot. You can do either white water or flat water at any age, though white water is slightly more intimidating to some people. I suggest to novices and seniors that they try flat water first. If they then feel that they want their heart rate to go up a bit, then do the white water."

You can go into either the Minden or the Haliburton store, or call to book a clinic or a lesson. "Everything is flexible," says Jeff. "We can do groups or private lessons. We cater to you as a client, and to your schedule. We'd really love to get you on the water where you can enjoy yourself."

In conclusion it has to be said that Jeff Strano is the type of entrepreneurial visionary that we need more of in the Highlands. He puts it so succinctly himself when he says "I'm not only a business person; I'm trying to promote the area. I'm looking at the long term picture."

Boatwerks Stores are located on Highway 35 in Minden near the entrance to Water Street, and at 195 Highland St in Haliburton, on the upper level of the Village Barn. The telephone number in Minden is (705) 286-1492, and in Haliburton (705) 457-3737. The toll free number is 1-866-KAYAKS-O. You can get in touch with Jeff Strano at jeff@baotwerks.net The Website is www.boatwerks.net

Pictured : The Boatwerks store in Minden.
Jeff Strano in the Haliburton store.
Some of the Algonquin Outfitters clothing products.
(previous page in colour) - Jeff outside the Village Barn -the location in Haliburton which houses Boatwerks second store.

COTTAGE NEWS

Your spot for local Cottage Lake Association Events & News

LKO Annual General Meeting

The Lake Kashagawigamog Organization will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 23rd from 10am-12pm at the Northern Lights Arts Pavilion at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Speakers will include the Reeves of Minden Hills and Dysart as well as the Executive director of FOCA. Sharon Middlehurst will give a brief overview of the Signature Quilt project. Again we will be entertained with a short vignette of the musical 'The Fantasicks' performed by the Highlands Summer Festival. A light lunch and social time will follow the meeting. Current members of LKO as well as all property owners on Lake Kashagawigamog are encouraged to attend.

Lake Kashagawigamog Organization- Regatta and Barbeque

The Regatta Committee of LKO has begun plans for the 2007 Regatta and Barbeque. The date is **Saturday July 7th** at the **Bonnie View Inn.** A variety of land and water activities and races (including swimming and canoes races) for all ages begin at 1:30pm. A barbeque will follow at 5 pm. The Regatta is open to all property owners on Lake Kashagawigamog, LKO members, families and friends. Over 200 people enjoyed last year's regatta. Try to join us this year!

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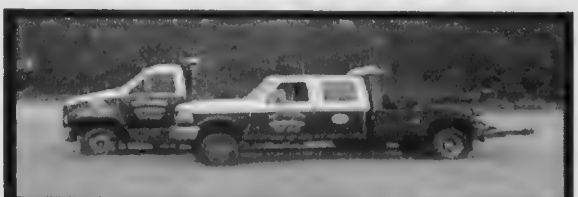
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What's Happening at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery
An Hour of the Wolf: Nightmare Quadrangleby Elizabeth Siegfried
June 6 to July 15
Opening Reception and Artists Talk / Presentation June 9 at 1pm

"Old people call it 'the hour of the wolf'
It's the hour when most people die,
when most children are born.
Now is when nightmares come to us.
And if we're awake... we're afraid...
we're afraid..."
- Hour of the Wolf (1968) Ingmar Bergman

An Hour of the Wolf: Nightmare Quadrangle exhibition is a collection of narrative sequences: Unease, Clipped, Sink and Vigil. Each consists of juxtaposed images that create a travelogue of the psyche. As self-portraits combine with landscapes and still-lifes, the nightmares in An Hour of the Wolf become both personal and universal in nature. Each depicts our apprehensions, a disquieting human situation and a period of unease. Each examines the thoughts and fears that may haunt us during an 'hour of the wolf'.
Unease explores loss of identity and self, entrapment and confusion and the line between what is real and what is imagined.
Clipped addresses the desire to escape and the realization that it is impossible.
Sink embodies the fears of hopelessness, of feeling overwhelmed and alone in quiet despair.
Vigil tells of waiting for something that never comes.

The images of Elizabeth Siegfried increasingly have become recognized for their intricacy of detail and sophistication of content. Known for her work in self portraiture and photographic narrative, Siegfried has worked with the historical process of platinum for twenty-five years and has exhibited her images in Canada, the US, Italy, Japan and Mexico. In recent years, she has expanded her mode of presentation to include both IRIS and digital color images.

Siegfried has had her photographs reproduced and discussed in such publications as SHOTS magazine, Camera Arts, Photo Life Magazine, Photo Educator Magazine and The Women's Daybook. Her first book entitled LifeLines was published in 2000 and includes a literary introduction by the National Book Award Winner Andrea Barrett. Her work is represented in many private and public collections, including the Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts in Japan; the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography in Ottawa; and the Peter E. Palmquest Women in Photography International Archive held at the Beinicke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

ARTIST TALKS

Thursday June 28at 6:30pm In the Common Room
Gary Blundell and Canadian AbstractArt
Following the videofrom the National Film Board of CanadaDriven to Abstraction: Canadian Abstract Art and theTurbulent 50s, Blundell will present a brief outline of his work inrelation to abstract art and its definition. He will then lead a discussion onits development and role within the arts realm.

Historical Guided Tours of Minden
Saturday, June 16 at 10:30am

Starting at the town docks at 10:30am sharp this 1 ½ hour guided walking tour will give you an interesting view of the way Minden used to be. Ends at the Cultural Centre where you will be treated to tea and goodies. $8 per person Pre-registration required by calling the museum 286-3154.

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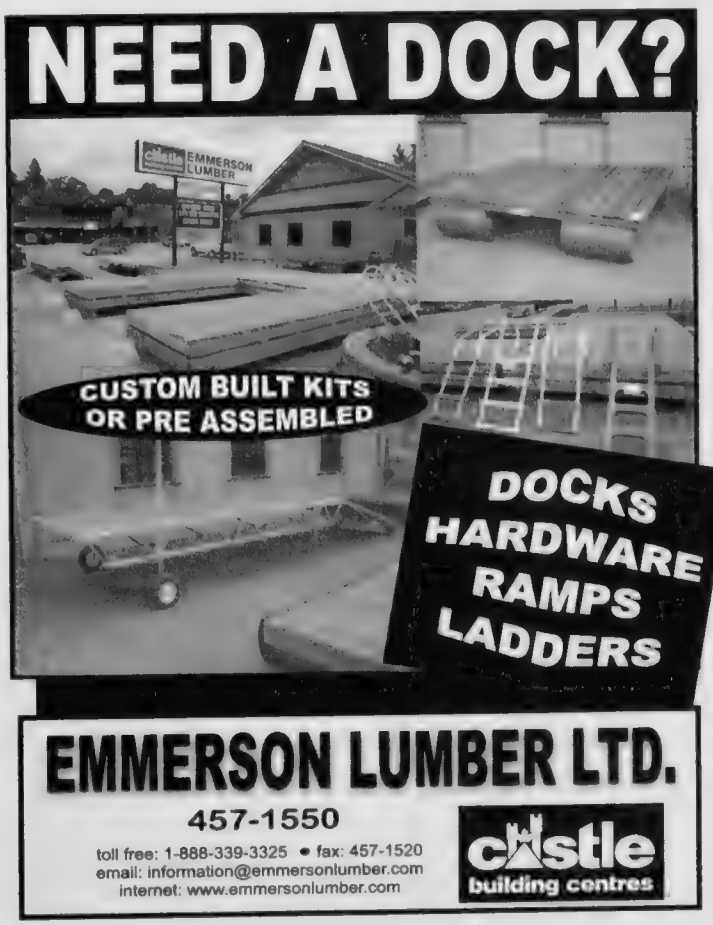

A Summer Place

Country Pickin's New Addition Is Well Named

By George Farrell

Most of our readers who are familiar with the village of Haliburton will also be familiar with Country Pickin's, the women's clothing store on Highland Street, owned and operated by Laurie Bonfield, ably assisted by husband Rennie. Laurie has been in business now for 24 years, and the store has been open seven years at its present location. It's located right beside the municipal lane which runs from Highlands St. to York St, beside the cenotaph. Country Pickin's has long been known as a clothing store that retails all seasons clothing for women.

Since the May 24 long weekend a new addition to Country Pickin's has emerged. It's called 'A Summer Place' and it occupies its own distinct space at the lower level (back of the main store). It has its own entrance on the lane, and at the back there is also an accessible entrance for persons who are either in a wheel chair or who experience difficulties with mobility.

A Summer Place is well named for several reasons. It has huge windows overlooking both the lane on the side, and the park and Head Lake at the back. There is tons of light streaming into the store even on a dull day, and when the sun is out, its summer inside too. The store will only be open during the warmer months, from May 24 through to Thanksgiving, and during the summer months of July and August the store will be open 7 days a week. The main reason for the name however, is that 'A Summer Place' is geared to carry....ta da...summer clothes.

" The appeal is that it's more of a fun summer shop for summer living, with constant new product," says Laurie. "Also the store reminds people of being at the cottage, because you can see the lake and the park," as you shop. The store, although it's totally stocked with goodies, is still a work in progress. In fact the store will only be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until July 1st. "We still don't have our sign up yet,' exclaims Laurie, "it should be here any day now though."

From the frustration of the non-sign, Laurie moves enthusiastically to the reasons for opening A Summer Place, and the contents inside the store. "We expanded because we had so much merchandise, and we needed more space. Besides, more people are around in the summer, and we wanted to be able to show them all of our product, and product lines." One of the well known American lines Laurie carries is called Fresh Produce. All the items are very colorful, er... just like fresh produce. There's capris, shorts (up to 2x), skirts, brightly patterned sun dresses, and beach cover-ups, most of it 100% cotton. "We've got children's clothes in this line coming in soon," says Laurie. Another recognizable and quality brand is Woolrich, and she has blouses, T shirts, shorts, and full summer ensembles in that line.

In addition to the great array of clothing to be found in the new store, A Summer Place is also a centre for those unique accessories. There's fun, bright beach sandals, acrylic and stylish table top and patio glasses, specially tinted sun glasses for finding golf balls, water resistant outdoor stools, mats, wind chimes, and really funky umbrellas. There's even an Elvis umbrella.

Laurie is quick to point out that "we are specializing in real clothing for real women". "We don't carry items that people can't wear. The new store will carry plus sizes up to 3x." Another feature of A Summer Place is the four-seasons clearance centre, which has been a feature of Country Pickin's for quite some time and "is well know to our regular customers," says Laurie. The clearance centre, which now takes up a corner of the new store, has bathing suits, sweaters, pants from $10 and up, and interestingly enough, some men's sweaters. "The clearance centre "saves us

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Reflections from SoulWinds
by Brenda Peddigrew

Living the River

Whenever someone asks me about where I live, I say – first off – "I live on a river." A look of awe with a sound of "ah" emerges on the face and from the mouth of my visitor. When people come for the first time, we often show them through the house, and there is always the moment when they see the river for the first time, see how close it is, how present from every room on that end of the house. Invariably they stop and stand, looking as if worlds of meaning and association are flooding their eyes.

Living on a river's edge has been an experience of fresh learning for me. When we were first looking for property, it was a lake we sought. Now I am wrapped in the river's flow of seasons, and wouldn't consider a lake at all, with its exposure, and its noisy toys. The river is a living presence and attracts its own kind. We commonly see beavers, otters, mink and fox. Bears regularly swim across, in one direction or another, uninterested in our small lives. Four different species of ducks mate and give birth there every spring. Loons and Geese return, nesting on the river's edge, dangerously visible. Great Blue Herons glide up and down, or stand still fishing, hiding in plain sight. Hawks, Crow, Ravens, Wild Turkeys and recently Eagles soar and swoop for our eager binoculars. Songbirds too numerous to name weave music like a garment, wrapping morning and evening.

Through all of this, we sit at the edge, knowing our place as witnesses only, or we swim in summer. The river flows, slowly or swiftly, clean and cool, especially on the hottest days. Dragon and Damsel flies adore its surface with their pretty winged dances. There is only the sound of water; no engines can despoil the purity of this part of the river because of the bridge below, the rapids above where we are. Fish are visible; frogs and turtles testify to the river's health.

This river is a teacher and a healer. Sitting in the swinging chair hour after hour, allowing the quiet to still my frenzied mind and calm my rushing body, I notice first of all that the river flows one way only, constant, faithful. "There is no going back," she whispers. The river is Life; the river is Time. the river carries and comforts, and – when that moment comes – flows on into the lake without resistance, without holding back a drop of herself.

Living the River is all this and more. I notice again and again how opposite it is with me. I want to hold back my own flow, cling to time and schedule, force things to happen outside their own natural flow. I want time to slow down, sometimes even to stop. Daily, the river tells me otherwise. Brings me back from pointless resistance. Living the River is the gift of flow and surrender, among teeming and irrefutable life. This is what goes on.

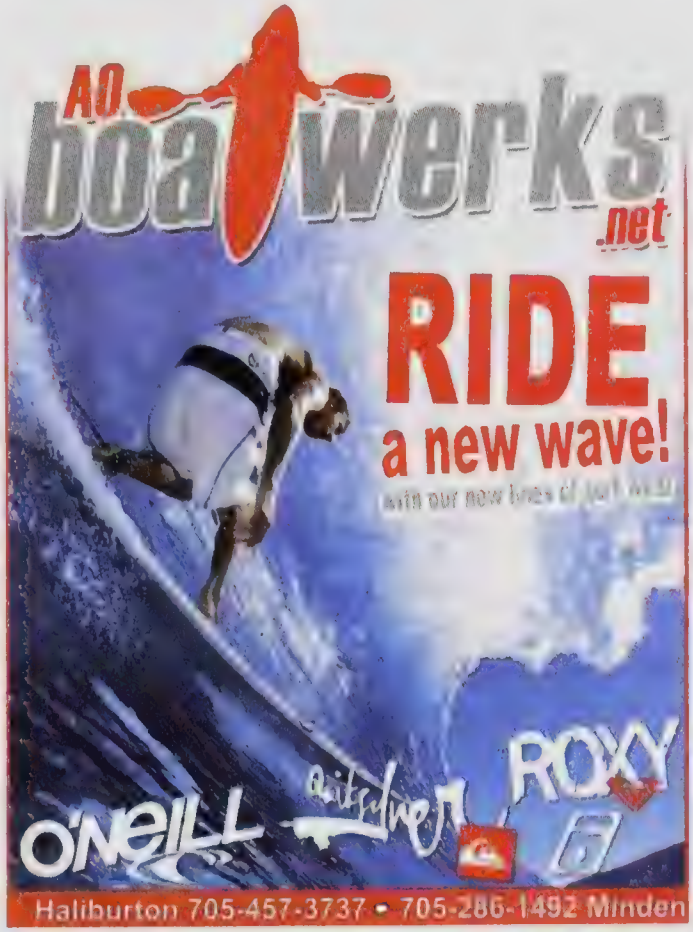
try this: ***Find a river. Sit by it as long as you can. Ask it to teach you and notice what you are given as teaching.***

A Summer Place Con't..

having to put it all away," she laughs.

"We think that A Summer Place has clothes and accessories that appeal to people of all ages, cottagers and locals alike," Laurie Bonfield says with conviction.

A Summer Place can be found down the lane behind County Pickens at 163 Highland St. Phone (705) 457-2726. The store will be open at seasonal hours, 7 days a week during summer months.



It's the Law

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In Houston, Texas, it's against the law to make a noise while moving boxes!

An old law in North Carolina made it illegal to plow a field using an elephant!

The state of Wyoming banned photographing rabbits form January to April without written permission.

Believe it or Not! In the English town of York, it is still legal for a citizen to use a bow and arrow " to shoot any Scotsman discovered out and about after sunset"!

Crazy But True Law Suits

Wanda Hudson, 44, of Mobile, Ala. After Hudson lost her home to foreclosure, she moved her belongings to a storage unit. She says she was inside her unit one night "looking for some papers" when the storage yard manager found the door to her unit ajar — and locked it. She denies that she was sleeping inside, but incredibly did not call for help or bang on the door to be let out! She was not found for 63 days and barely survived; the formerly "plump" 150-pound woman lived on food she just happened to have in the unit, and was a mere 83 pounds when she was found. She sued the storage yard for $10 million claiming negligence. Even though the jury was not allowed to learn that Hudson had previously diagnosed mental problems, it found Hudson was nearly 100 percent responsible for her own predicament – but still awarded her $100,000.

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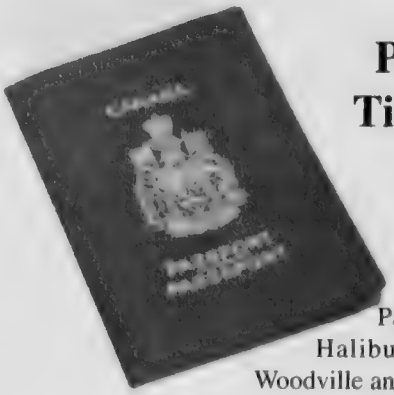

Passport Wait Times Decreasing

By M.P. Barry Devolin

Recently, my staff and I completed another round of Passport Clinics, this time in Haliburton, Millbrook, Apsley, Woodville and Lindsay.

Turnout was steady, but we all noticed the crush we experienced during Passport Clinics in January has clearly dissipated.

For years, Passport Canada received about 14,000 passport applications each day. Turnaround was about 4 weeks for applications sent to Ottawa, and 10 days for applicants who visited regional offices (like Whitby).

Last fall, as we approached the date when the United States would require air travelers to have a passport, Passport Canada anticipated an increase in demand of about 20%. In preparation, they hired more staff and prepared for about 17,000 applications per day.

As it turns out, demand for passports in Canada increased even more dramatically – peaking at almost 25,000 in January – and this created a huge backlog.

As a result, wait times in Ottawa increased to 10 to 12 weeks, while regional offices had long lines and delivery slowed to 4 weeks.

At the same time, the ability of MP's offices to expedite delivery of urgent requests was also severely strained. (Any of you who visited our office in the past 6 months can attest to this!)

After further hiring – and lots of overtime – it appears that the worst is behind us and we are on our way back to normal service.

Passport Canada can now process 20,000 applications each day, while inflow has slowed to 18,000. And Passport Canada continues to increase capacity so that the backlog will be cleared as quickly as possible.

For example, I heard in recent days from two parties who took their applications to Whitby and got their passports in less than 2 weeks.

You may have also heard that current U.S. law requires that, as of January 2008, everybody entering the United States – including those on foot or in an automobile - will require a passport.

That's why I strongly advise anyone planning a winter getaway to apply for a passport as early as possible – because long lines may be coming back this fall if that American law goes into effect.

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Lange on the Law
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Drunk Driving

It is a criminal offence to drive a motor vehicle with over 80 mg per 100 ml of alcohol in your blood. This is commonly called an "over 80" charge and applies whether or not you show any physical signs of impairment due to the alcohol. The over 80 offence does not take into account the tolerance of alcohol which some people have, thus beguiling the physical signs of impairment. It is also an offence to drive while your ability to drive is impaired by alcohol as evidenced by physical signs of impairment whatever your blood alcohol level is. While the over 80 charge is proven by the technical evidence of breathalyzer samples, impaired driving requires evidence based on a police officer's observations. Physical signs of impairment, as you can imagine, include slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and problems with walking the line when invited to police headquarters. In practice, both charges are laid when the blood alcohol level is over 80 but one charge is dropped or stayed, usually the impaired driving charge, when the other charge is proven because you cannot be convicted twice for an offence based on the same material facts. Double jeopardy!

The principles of sentencing which are applied to other criminal code offences apply to drinking and driving offences. In considering a fine or imprisonment in addition to a suspended driver's licence, the court considers mitigating and aggravating factors when sentencing the convicted person. Some of the aggravating factors are: a recent criminal record for driving charges, committing the offence when disqualified from driving, a blood alcohol level of over 160, bad driving on a busy road, and causing an accident, especially physical injury. Mitigating factors include: being a first offender, simply being stopped by the RIDE programme, no evidence of bad driving, and the completion of alcohol treatment or counselling programme as a result of previous drinking and driving convictions.

In the next column, I will be talking about home entertaining and drinking.

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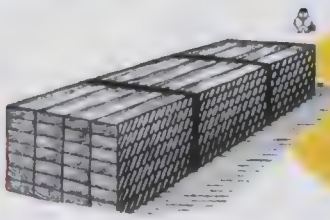

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BIG Celebration for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Reach For the Future Campaign Plans to Update Facilities

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the health care facilities in Haliburton County. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, and the mission is to raise funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services for capital projects, equipment and educational programs.

Don Popple

Since 1997, the Foundation has raised $7 million through personal, business and corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving, and the special gift program. Specifically, the HHHS Foundation was charged with raising $6 million for the $20 million capital project of construction, rebuilding and renovation of the two health care and hospital facilities in Haliburton and Minden.

Finally on March 26/07 the $6 million goal was realized when the The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation presented the final $65,000 cheque to HHHS Chair Jeanne Anthon to retire the capital debt on the health care facilities in Haliburton and Minden. Jeanne advised that they are thrilled with the payment and thanked the HHHS Foundation for their dedication and perseverance.

Thank You Celebrations Taking Place June 16th – Don't Miss The Excitement

To mark the occasion of the final payment HHHSF Chairman, Peter Oyler stated that the Foundation will mark the occasion with huge *Thank You Celebrations* on Saturday June 16th at 10 am at the Minden facility, and 2 pm at the Haliburton facility. Says Peter "We hope the community will come out and celebrate with us, as it promises to be a great event". Everyone in attendance will receive a print of artist David Alexander Risks 'Campfire Traditions' thanks to David and Janis Parker of Parker Pad & Printing Ltd.

There's no doubt about it, the community has come together in a huge way to provide the funding necessary, along with that provided by the government, to give our community two excellent hospital facilities in Minden and Haliburton. But it doesn't stop there, and the Foundation is committed to keep raising funds on behalf of HHHS.

Reach For the Future, A New Campaign

The Foundation will now concentrate on raising funds for new equipment, and technology for both facilities. A $2.5 million community fundraising campaign called *Reach For the Future* is just beginning. Don Popple and Lisa Tompkins are Campaign Co-Chairs, and we talked with Don about the needs of the hospital facilities and the aims of the new campaign.

"Now that the Capital Campaign is completed and there are no outstanding debts on the hospital facilities, we have identified a need for new equipment," states Don. "The fundraising focus is now switching from bricks and mortar to equipment." Specifically the new equipment consists of a Picture Archiving Communication System (PACS), more beds, Stationary Ceiling Lifts, and Bath Tubs. Both facilities will be getting the equipment. The break down as to which facility gets what is as follows.

The Haliburton Site is to get $550,000 towards PACS. It is for Diagnostic Imaging and the Acute Care facility. $20,000 of the $2.5 million which needs to be raised will go towards bath tubs for Long Term Care, $28,000 towards Ceiling Lifts for Long Term Care, and $155,000 towards Ceiling Lifts for Acute Care.

The Minden Site gets $550,000 towards PACS for Digital Imaging and Acute Care, $60,000 to bath tubs for Long Term Care, $590,000 towards Ceiling lifts for Long Term Care and $295,000 towards beds for Long Term Care patients. When comparing the figures Minden gets more mainly due to its larger Long Term Care facility.

"There is a real need for this new equipment," says Don, especially the X-ray equipment (PACS). The X-ray departments in both facilities need to be upgraded to digital so images can be transferred immediately from the hospitals to specialists electronically. If we don't have this equipment, seeing as that is now the standard, nobody will be able to read our x-rays because everyone else is digital. It is a requirement of staying up to date and in business in 2007 and beyond.

Don explains that "the X-ray equipment has already been purchased by HHHS and is being put in place as we speak. The Foundation needs to raise the capital as soon as it can in order to pay for this equipment. The rest (beds, ceiling lifts and bath tubs) is not quite as critical, and we are looking at a 3-4 year period to raise

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A Reason To Celebrate

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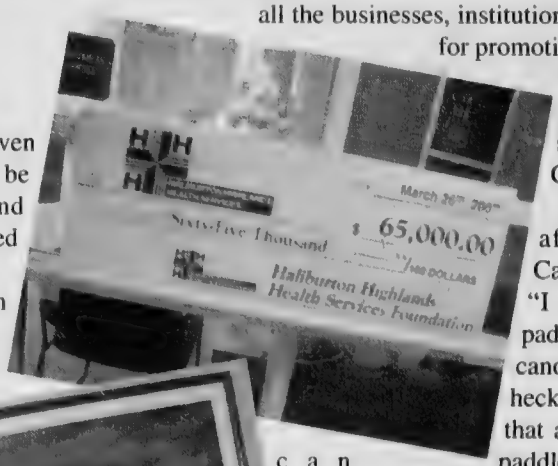
the necessary funds. The Haliburton Rotary has given a substantial amount towards the campaign, to be stretched over a 5 year period. The Minden and Haliburton Health Care Auxiliary has also contributed funds. So the campaign is off to a good start."

The official announcement of the donations from the Haliburton Rotary and the Minden and Haliburton Health Auxiliary will be part of the launch of the *Reach For the Future* campaign which will take place with the *Thank You Celebrations* on June 16th.



Signature Events Fundraisers

For those who would like to contribute to the cause through attending and participating in events there is the *Rotary Charity Golf Classic* which is being held at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton on Thursday July 19th. *Art in the Garden* is being held this year on Wednesday August 22 in Haliburton, and *A Classy Cocktail Caper* will be held at the Wigamog on Saturday October 27. Also keep an eye out for Deck & Dock Dinner, and the Ethel Curry Exhibit & Auction.

Coming Soon: Hugs, the newest member of the HHHS Foundation Bear Family.

Just about everyone has seen at least one of the bears over the last few years. This bear family is very important to the Health Care Facilities in the county. Due to the generosity of everyone who has purchased a bear in the series over the past ten years, over $55,000 has been raised. The foundation would like to thank all the businesses, institutions, retail shops and individuals for promoting and selling the bears. Hugs, the new bear to add to your collection will be appearing soon. Will he be at the Celebratory event on June 16th? "It's all about what anyone can afford," says Foundation Campaign Co-Chair Don Popple. "I like to tell the story about paddling one of those huge big war canoes. One person would have a heck of a time getting a canoe like that across the lake. Thirty people can paddle across a lot more efficiently and quickly." Don is making the point that no matter the size of the contribution, everyone pulling together is what gets the job done. Congratulations to all the individuals, businesses and organizations that have helped in giving the county the wonderful hospital facilities that we have, and congratulations to the HHHS Foundation. It's really quite remarkable when you consider that we have 2 emergency departments in Haliburton County, one at each hospital, while a metropolis the size of Peterborough only has one.

Donation and Contact Information

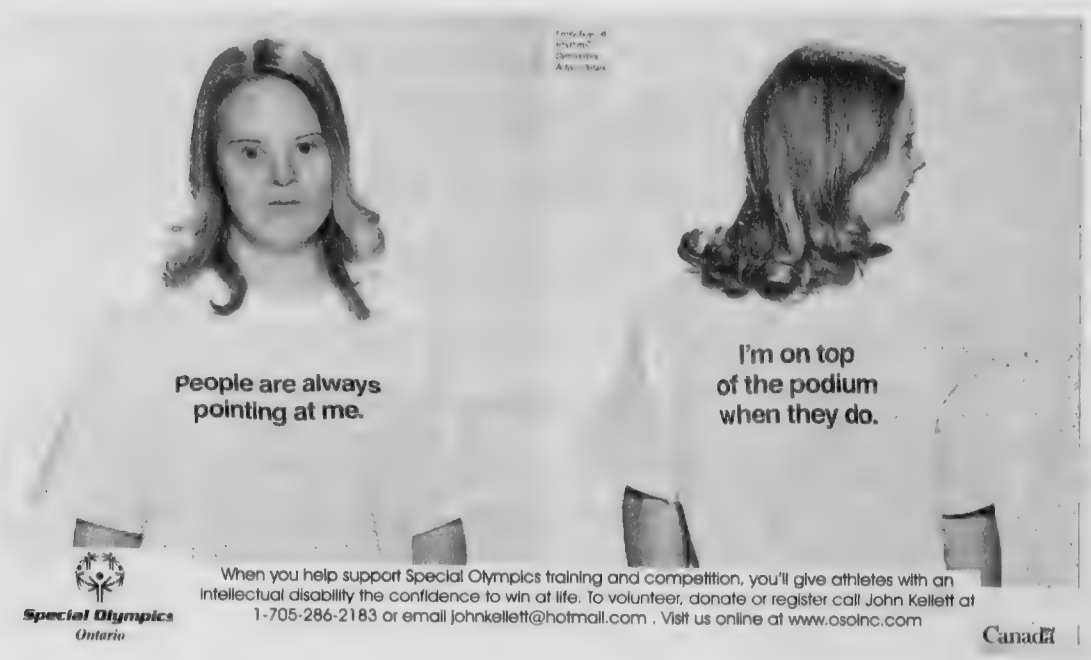
If you would like to donate to the HHHS Foundation you can donate on line by going to www.hhhs.on.ca/donate.htm "How To Donate. You can also donate by cheque or credit card. Tax receipts will be issued and the charitable registered business number is 89028-0449-RR0001

You can visit the foundation on their website at www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm or email: foundation@hhhs.on.ca. If you wish to get in touch via regular mail you can send your letters or cheques to two locations. In Haliburton the address is P.O Box 1413, Haliburton, ON, KOM 1S0. The Phone number is (705) 457-1580. In Minden you can reach the Foundation at P.O. Box 30, Minden, ON, KOM 2K0.

Pictured:
Don Popple, HHHS Foundation Campaign Co-Chair.

'Campfire Traditions' by David Alexander Risk. Show up at the Celebrations and take a print home.

The check which represents the retirement of the capital debt on the health care facilities.



Laurie Scott Recognizes Seniors' Contributions Announces Dates for Seniors' Seminars

June is recognized as ***Seniors' Month*** in the province of Ontario. Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton-Victoria-Brock) was pleased today to acknowledge the contributions of the over 1.5 million seniors in Ontario to communities throughout the province.

"Seniors Month provides an excellent opportunity to recognize seniors in our province and the contributions they have made to both Ontario and Canada," said Scott. "It is only fitting that their commitment, past and present, be acknowledged."

Seniors account for approximately 13 per cent of Ontario's population. Seniors' Month events include award ceremonies, recognition events, socials and seniors' information fairs.

Scott is teaming up with Federal Member of Parliament, Barry Devolin (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) to co-host three seminars dedicated to seniors. The information dates and locations of those seminars are listed below:

Tuesday, June 26 – Lindsay Royal Canadian Legion
Thursday, June 28 – Beaverton Royal Canadian Legion
Friday, June 29 – Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion

Registration and Exhibit Viewing begins at 8:30 AM. Seminars begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 12:00 Noon. Complimentary Lunch will be served.

Enjoy speakers from Community Care, Ontario Seniors Secretariat, United Seniors Citizens of Ontario Inc., and the Older Persons Mental Health and Addiction Network.

To reserve your spot, please contact the office of Laurie Scott, MPP 705-324-6654 or 1-800-424-2490

"The Ontario population is aging," added Scott. "Understanding the valuable social role of seniors and promoting their health, well-being and safety will not only guarantee them a better quality of life, but will help ensure our communities continue to benefit from their knowledge and experience."

Sowing The Seeds

Community Garden in Haliburton Seeks Volunteer Support This Summer

Volunteers are being sought to help put down roots at a community garden project in the area.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Health for Life and other partners are seeking assistance this summer for the community garden. Now in its fourth year, the garden is located beside the lower parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services site in Haliburton Village.

Volunteers are needed to help tend and harvest the garden. As in past years, all produce grown in the garden will be donated to the Haliburton 4C's Food Bank for use by its clients.

"Here we grow again, literally," says Megan Marchant, a Public Health Food Worker with the HKPR District Health Unit. "For people who like gardening, this is a great way to get active outdoors and meet some new friends, all the while helping to feed people in our community."

To help or find out more information about the community garden, individuals can call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391, ext. 246.

You are cordially invited to attend the 11th Annual General Meeting of the HHHS Corporation

Thursday June 28th, 2007 at 3:00 p.m at the Auditorium. HHHS Minden

Business will include:

Receiving the Report of the Board and the CEO.
Receiving the Report of the Chief of Staff.
Receiving the Report of the Auditors (including the audited financial statements).
Appointment of the Auditors.
Receiving the Report of the Nominating Committee and the Election of Directors.
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Such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Please contact Marlene Vieira in Administration at 457-1392, Ext. 248 for further information.

New Spin On Cycling Event

Haliburton's 2nd Annual Celebration of Cycling Expands To Week-Long Festivities

What's better than a two-day cycling festival? Try a week-long celebration of everything on two wheels.

The second-annual Shifting Gears: Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling is living up to its name, as it shifts gears and expands to a full week of festivities from June 18 to 24. According to the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition, there are fun events to suit cyclists of all ages and abilities. And even if you don't have a bike, organizers say there is still plenty to do.

"Last year's event held on a weekend was really well-received, so it was a no-brainer to make the Celebration of Cycling a ton more fun by expanding it in 2007," says Sue Shikaze, an event organizer and Health Promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling is intended to promote cycling as a safe, fun and healthy activity for people of all ages. Towards that end, organizers have lots on the go for this year's festivities, in which all events are free unless otherwise indicated:

· **Monday, June 18 at 7 pm:** Stretching For Cyclists. Pre-register by calling 457-1391.

· **Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 pm:** Get in Gear: Tips for New Adult Cyclists. Call 457-1391 to pre-register.

· **Wednesday, June 20:** A Bike to School Adventure and Bike to Work Challenge are in the works. For details on how to participate, call 457-1391. Later in the day, a Cycling Film Night featuring the movie, The Flying Scotsman will be shown at 7 pm at the Molou Theatre in Haliburton. Tickets are $7 per adult and $5 for students.

· **Thursday, June 21, 7pm:** Take part in a Cycle on the Solstice event. Participants can meet at the Haliburton town docks.

· **Saturday, June 23, 10 am to 3 pm:** A day-long Cycling Festival takes place at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. There's fun for the entire family, including a record-setting bike ride, bike treasure hunt, bike checks and helmet fitting sessions, workshops and demos for cyclists of all ages and abilities, guided rides, food and entertainment.

· **Sunday, June 24, 10 am:** Guided rides conclude the week-long celebration. Pre-register at Saturday's Cycling Festival or just show up. Meet at the Haliburton town docks.

For more information on Shifting Gears: Haliburton's Celebration of Cycling, call the Health Unit at 457-1391 or visit www.cyclehaliburton.ca.

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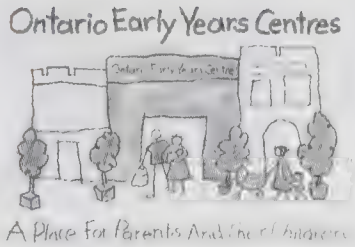

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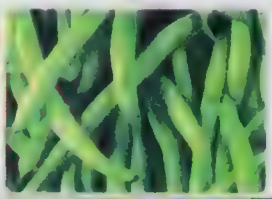
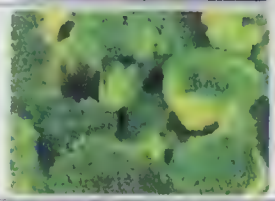
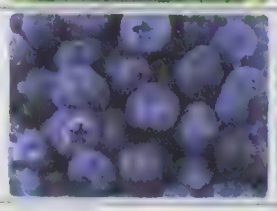
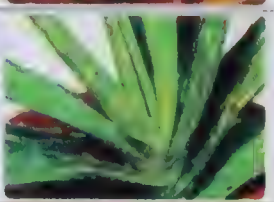
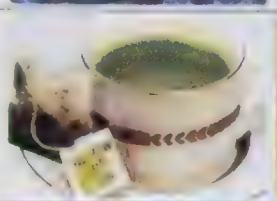
11 Tomatoes Vitamin A			**10 Cups** Green Beans Folate
30 Broccoli Selenium			**19** Wheat Slices Zinc
96 Blueberries Antioxidants†			**Certified Organic** Aloe Vera Gel
5 Cups Green Tea (EGCG Content)			**12** Orange Slices Vitamin C
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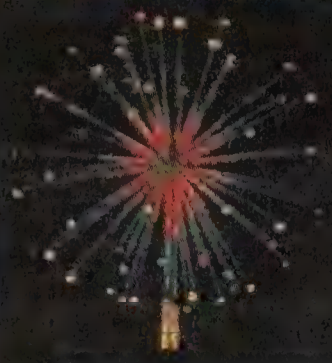

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Introducing Heritage House Café

By George Farrell

The Village of Haliburton must have one of the best ratios of eating and drinking establishments per population in Ontario, and now there's another one to add to the list. It's called the Heritage House Café, and it's where the old Banks general store used to be on Pine Street. Formerly this building was also the location of another café, The Wild Oats, that many people might remember fondly.

Somehow the building lends itself very well to a café. This fact was not lost on the new owner Nicola Jowett. Nicola has been coming to the Highlands since she was a small child. Her grandfather built on Eagle Lake, and her mother still cottages there. Nicola knew of the building, as she and her mother used to come to buy groceries at Banks. Nicola spent many summers in the Highlands working at places like the Bonnieview and Sir Sams, but oddly she did not frequent the location when it was the Wild Oat. "I must have been traveling around that time," she says. It's even stranger then that The Heritage House Café, should in some ways, fill a similar niche as that former establishment.

The concept of a true café with regular hours is what has been lacking these last few years in Haliburton, and that's why The Heritage House Café is such a welcome addition to many people, especially those who understand what the café society is all about. A café is, after all, a place where you can go and get a light, but filling meal, drink great coffee, read a newspaper or a book in peace, meet friends for a social get-together, and sometimes even listen to some great music. A traditional good café is open early and open late. A good café also has a distinct ambience which reflects not only the taste and experiences of the owner, but also appeals to that section of the population identified as the client base. Historically, in larger centres cafes have been a focal point, and meeting place for people in the arts. The arty crowd usually frequents cafes in the afternoons and evenings. Morning users tend to be people who start their working day early. Very often they will pop into their local café to get that much needed hit of caffeine, and their visits are usually brief.

Having said all that, you might be wondering how the Heritage House Café fits the bill. Although in it's early days yet, Nicola certainly seems to have started on the right foot. Nicola has a background that has seen her travel extensively. She has also had exposure as a model, ski instructor, and TV hostess. She is definitely a worldly person, and the café reflects this. "I did a lot of traveling," says Nicola, "and eating tourism- based things. I've taken things from various places on my travels and brought them back here, and developed a place where I would want to eat and hang out." That place is a room which is bright and airy, due to the large front windows. The ceiling is very high. The room has a semi-private front section just inside the door, where there are comfy chairs, arranged around coffee tables. A small step down takes you into the larger area where there are tables and chairs set up for those who want a more traditional arrangement for their meal. In keeping with the light airy feel, the walls are painted a creamy yellow, with a white trim. Floors are dark, as is the furniture. On the walls are very large, framed photos of people with a far-eastern ethnicity. The images, some of which look like they have been hand tinted, give an 'out of Haliburton' feel' to the place. They are the work of Alexander Jowett, one of Nicolas brothers, and they are quite impressive. It's a significantly different space than any other establishment in Haliburton village, and worth the visit.

But there are reasons to visit The Heritage House Café other than the historic significance of the building, and the ambience contained inside. What a café ultimately depends on is the quality and consistency of items on the menu. In that regard there are some pleasant surprises. First to the requisite coffee selection. "We serve fair trade organic coffee, medium and medium dark. You can have an espresso, cappuccino, late, or café mocha," Nicola explains. The coffee, personally ground especially for your cup comes in one of those small plungers that gives you about a cup and a half, and I can report to coffee lovers out there that it's strong and delicious. "Our fresh fruit smoothies are popular too,"

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Nicola adds, as she lists off some of the ingredients. "We use items such as soy, yogurt, mango, pineapple, banana, strawberries, and sherbet". While we were talking a young girl came in and ordered her favorite smoothie, obviously not her first, and waited expectantly for it, almost drooling. She carried her smoothie away in a large paper cup. Nicola's feels that "commercial places are huge polluters. I think it's very important to take steps to preserve the environment." To that end the Heritage House Café uses no plastic or styrofoam cups, composts used coffee grounds, and uses bio-degradable hand and dishwasher soap, among many other well conceived 'green' applications.

But back to items on the menu. "It's all really healthy food," Nicola exclaims, "organic as often as possible." The menu will change periodically. On this day there are tortilla wraps with various fillings like mango chutney and chicken, tuna, cheddar, bacon, baby spinach and, alfalfa. There's cream cheese and lox bagels, and a pineapple, red pepper and cucumber salad, just to name a few of the items. For dessert there are delicacies like lemon meringue pie, a two chocolate cake, a wracky apple tart, macadamia and oatmeal cookies, a strawberry syllabub, and an assortment of muffins. I experienced a personal sized pecan pie, the centre of which was decadently sweet and crunchy, and encased in a delicate pastry.

So the food and drink is definitely up to the standards of the majority of discernible consumers of café fare. Nicola doesn't stop there however. There are little touches like the Heritage House Café Newsletter that she prints out. The newsletter for June tells of the history of the old building itself. The May newsletter told of the 'green' elements and the philosophy of the café, and something about the featured artist Alexander Jowett. Nicola plans on having a different artist on display every few months, so that's a great boon to our artistic community. Not surprisingly the café is beginning to be frequented by some of our local artists, as well as those taking classes at the school of the arts. This is not to suggest that the café is only for the artistically inclined, as Nicola points out that her customers represent a cross section of the community. Here's a plus; the café offers customers free internet access. Nicola is also seeking a wine and beer license. Another little touch is the coffee card. Purchase 9 cups of coffee (not necessarily at the same time) and your 10th cup is complimentary.

Yes the Heritage House Café is a great place to eat, drink and hang out, and Nicola Jowett is a fascinating and enterprising woman. I should mention that she sponsors 22 young African women aged 5 to 21, and sends them items like shoes, clothes for school, food and bus fare. She even sends them birthday cards. The café is certainly a reflection of her life and beliefs, so if you want a change from the hum drum of your everyday meal, if you just want to sit alone and read the paper, or if you want to meet with friends over a great cup of coffee, be sure to visit the Heritage House Café. You won't be disappointed.

The Heritage House Café is located at 35 Pine Street, Haliburton. Summer hours are from 8 am to 10 pm Monday to Thursday, and 8am to 11 pm Friday and Saturday. You can phone the café at (705) 457-2522, or visit the web site at www.heritagehousecafe.com

Pictured: Owner Nicola Jowett, and an indoor shot of the Cafe. Previous page: Nicola and a cup of her great coffee. Exterior of the Heritage House Café.

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Music Notes by Greg. J. Roe

A Look At Music's History

The Hardest Working Man In Show Business

The passing of James Brown on Christmas day 2006 somehow seems a fitting exit for a musical giant who gave so much to his time, culture and community. James Joseph Brown was born into poverty on May 3, 1933 in Barnwell, South Carolina. The cards seemed to be stacked against him from the start. The story goes that he was stillborn and pronounced dead, but an Aunt present at the birth refused to accept this fate for her new nephew and she breathed air into his lungs until he let forth his first scream.....and what a famous scream it would become; but it would take time. He was born in a one room shack and his parents disappeared before he was eight years old. Raised in a whorehouse and accustomed to regular beatings from his stepfather, Brown nonetheless espoused the importance of family values throughout his life.

The Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother Number One or Mr. Dynamite, no matter what you call him, his was a true rags to riches story, moving from the slums of the South to dining with Presidents. After a brush with the law and some time in prison in the late 40's, Brown found a more positive outlet in gospel music and soon drifted into R&B. By the mid-50's he and his group, The Flames, had a huge hit with 'Please, Please, Please' but went into a slump until 1959, when 'Try Me' brought Brown back into the limelight.

A consummate professional, and task master, Brown saw his career explode in the 60's with hits like 'Papa's Got a Brand New Bag' and 'I Got You (I Feel Good)'. His highly energized live shows, with their calculated spontaneity, became legendary. He was a showman, second to none.

For most of his adult life, Brown lived in Augusta, Georgia and he never forgot his roots, giving out 1000 free turkeys to Augusta's poor every Thanksgiving. On his annual Christmas toy drive he would often randomly give out bills of various denominations to poor people all over town. Santa Claus truly went straight to the ghetto (check out his Christmas album for this classic).

Brown had played the legendary Apollo Theatre many times in his career, but his last gig, his Wake, saw crowds of 10 deep in a line 10 blocks long , waiting to pay their last respects to a man who was much more than a music legend. Ironically, Brown had died in Augusta and a plane could not be found quickly enough to carry the weight of his gold-plated casket to the Apollo in Harlem, New York. Upon hearing this, his close friend and black activist, the Reverend Al Sharpton elected to drive through the night with the coffin to ensure that Brown's fans would have one last opportunity to see their hero at the Appollo. The casket traveled the final lengths of the journey pulled through the fan lined streets of Harlem, by two white horses.

Brown's first appearance at the Apollo had been half a century earlier, with the release of ' Please, Please, Please'. This time, fans filed by the coffin that sat beside a flower arrangement that read simply, "Godfather". Brown was decked out in a midnight blue suit, white gloves and silver shoes, a striking figure to the end.

A final ceremony was held the next day in Augusta, at the recently named James Brown Arena. In a final tribute, Brown's longtime MC, Danny Ray, draped a red cape over the casket lid; a final curtain call.

So, the next time you are in a bit of a 'funk', throw some James into your CD player and you'll find yourself saying, " I Feel Good....I knew that I would".

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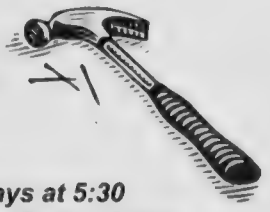

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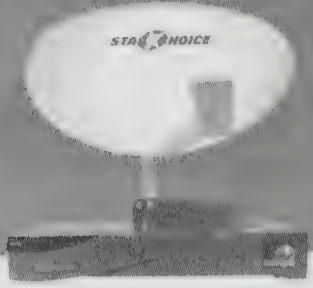

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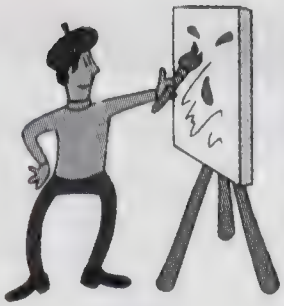
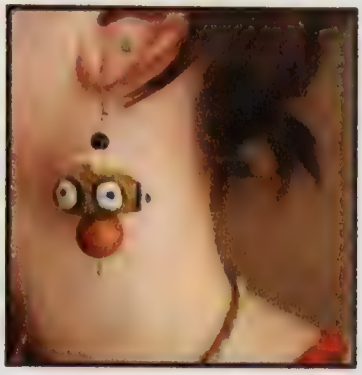


Newfanglers Art Festival

The Future of Local Art

by Tyson Farrell



Almost everywhere you look in the Haliburton Highlands, you see art. There are studio tours, galleries, murals, and art sales abound, and the county's official slogan is even "A Natural Work of Art." Through decades of dedication and hard work, the citizens of our county have created a strong and vibrant art scene. Regrettably, there are some who believe that the local scene is boring and unoriginal. This summer such naysayers will be silenced by the Newfanglers Art Festival, an artistic experience designed to rock the citizens of Haliburton County with new, innovating, and cutting edge works of art.

The Newfanglers Art Festival is a gathering of more that thirty artists happening August 4th and 5th. The show features photography, painting, welding, jewelry, poetry readings, and live music. More unusual and remarkable exhibits include flame spinning, interactive computer generated instillations, and robotic sculptures, to name but a few. However, it isn't only the art that is remarkable, as the artists themselves are quite astounding: all of them create beautiful and unique works of art, and not one of them is over thirty years old.

"There's a gap between when young artists emerge from college and when they become acknowledged artists. There are lots of venues for students to display work, and lots of venues for established professionals, but few for those in between," explains Newfangler's coordinator Tiffany Howe. "In an attempt to remedy the situation, and give these amazingly talented young artists a venue for their work, Haliburton musician Chris Postill and I created the Newfanglers Art Festival. Although this festival is only a two day event, it will show people that young artists can create art just as beautiful as that of seasoned professionals."

There is no doubt that there will be a great deal of impressive art at Newfanglers, as an examination of the artists reveals. Nick Russell, of former rock band The Dirty Bird Dancers fame, has teamed up with popular playwright Ryan Dawson. The two young men have created a dramatic performance exclusively for the festival. If their past work is any indication, Nick and Ryan's performance will be original, thought provoking, and very entertaining. Newfanglers is also hosting the renowned Zsuzsa Stoke, an artist who specializes in making felted jewelry. Zsuzsa's work is both unique and beautiful, and is very popular in her hometown of Hamilton. Julia Dobbins, a Haliburton native who is now a fashion student at Ryerson University, is also displaying her work at the show. "It feels good to be part of something that will change the local art community," Julia comments. "Not only is Newfanglers a show of young artists, but it has more variety than any art show I've ever seen. There's going to be hand crafted robots, a boy riding a unicycle and juggling at the same time, and lots of other daring forms of art."

Coordinating an event as large as an art festival can certainly be like a juggling act at times, but the twenty-three year old Tiffany Howe isn't intimidated.

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The Celebrity Questionnaire:
This month we GRILL **Mark Christiano**

Mark Christiano is very good at being a musician and cutting hair. He is the front man for the trad' rock, R&B band Ya Baby's and he operates the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon. He also promotes local talent at the Open Stage get- togethers at the Hair Lounge and the monthly Concert Series at the 'Lounge, with the first one this year featuring Steel Rail, a folk-bluegrass group, who will be appearing in September.

Mark moved to the Highlands about 9 years ago with wife Claudette Pitre. The couple have two children, River age 7, and Sage 9.

Mark is currently working on a new acoustic CD, featuring original works, and the CD will be produced over the next year at the famous Metal Works studio, outside Toronto, where Bowie and Prince have both recorded. "If those walls could only talk," says Mark, as an intro' to our session.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a good person, a good father and a good husband.

Who would you cast as yourself in a movie based on your life?

Carl Dixon. He's a singer and guitar player extra ordinaire. He's played for Coney Hatch and now plays with the Guess Who. It's an inside joke, because he lives here now, and we have similar hair, and we get mistaken for each other all the time.

What are the words that you live by every day?

They're part of a song I just wrote. "Dream every day like you'll live forever, and live your life like there's no tomorrow."

What's your biggest pet peeve?

Going for a bag of milk and the bag being empty.

Your greatest fear?

Fear.

How do you unwind?

I write songs, and walk my new puppy Jersey.

Who are some of your favourites in the arts?

Dennis Deyoung from Styx, Don Ross, Rose Cousins, Barry Canning, Brooke Miller, Steel Rail and Johnny Burke.

What's in your cd player right now?

Barry Canning.

Who in life has inspired you the most?

My kids. It's amazing what they've taught me. They've made me a better person.

What's the worst job you ever had?

I once had to throw creosote-soaked railroad ties from a railroad car, onto the track, under a scorching hot sun in Quebec.

What was your biggest break professionally?

It was through Walter Rossi, he was sort of a Hendrix protégé then, and he's an amazing guitar player. He happened to overhear some tracks I had laid down in a studio, and he got me a record deal.

What word or phrase do you use too much?

Cool.

Your biggest extravagance?

Musical equipment.

What's your idea of perfect happiness?

World peace.

Which living person do you most admire?

My wife, Claudette.

Which living person do you dislike the most?

I really don't dislike people. Maybe our prime minister.

What trait do you most dislike in yourself?

Hmm, that's a tough one. (laughs) Other people tell me I'm too nice, but to me that's not a bad trait.

On what occasions do you lie?

I don't lie, I just don't say anything. And if you believe that.....

What's the last book you

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Some Q & A with Mark Christiano

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read?
"Conversations with God" by Neale Walsh.

Who are your favourite writers?
Neale Walsh.

What is the quality you most admire in a man?
Kindness.

What is the quality you most admire in a woman?
Kindness.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
My kids.

Who is your favourite fictional hero?
Spiderman.

What talent would you like to have?
I would love to be able to draw.

What is your most treasured possession?
My guitar, hand made by Cedric Butz. I know the love that went into his creating it for me.

What's your biggest regret?
That it took me 6 years to figure out that business isn't everything. It's about the loved ones that are around you, and spending time with them.

If you were to be reincarnated, what would it be as?
Myself, because I'd want to do it better.

Any tats or piercing?
My ears are pierced. I don't have any tattoos except for the guitar with wings, on my butt. (laughs) Just kidding.

What would be the one thing that you recommend to the people of the Highlands?
Dream every day like you'll live forever, and live your life like there's no tomorrow.

What's your favorite cut from the new CD?
It's called "Shooting Star" and it's inspired by some family members who are dealing with cancer.

When will you be performing again in the Highlands?
In the fall. Here, at the Hair Lounge. I'll be playing some acoustic stuff from the new CD.

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

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"I've helped organize and plan exhibits many times while working at local galleries. Although a festival of more than thirty artists is a big step up, its one that my colleagues and I are eager to make," she explains. "I guarantee Newfanglers is going to be an event to remember. The festival is being held in a beautiful field on Horseshoe Lake Road, under the biggest tent I've ever seen. There will be live performances throughout the day, local chefs cooking food, and enough exhibits to keep people entertained for hours."

It appears as though the Newfanglers Art Festival will be as successful and enjoyable as Haliburton's annual "Art in the Park." However, with such a unique and unusual selection of art and live performances, it is difficult to compare Newfanglers to traditional Haliburton festivals. As Tiffany explains, "Newfanglers is going to be something different, unlike any art show seen before in the Highlands. It's going to be big, and it's going to be totally radical. This is art that takes risks. This is the future of local art."

If you would like more information about the upcoming Newfanglers Art Festival, you can visit the official website at www.newfanglers.com or phone Tiffany at 457-1852.

Pictured with story: Newfanlgers Art Show Coordinator Tiffany Howe.
A piece of Zsuzsa Stoke's felted jewelry.

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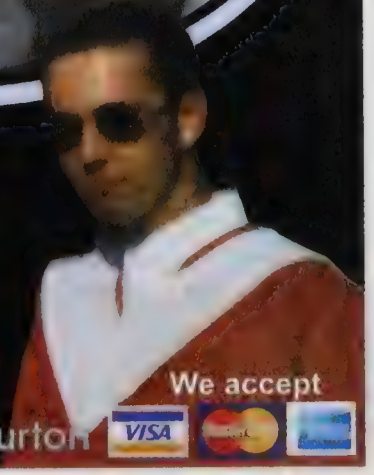

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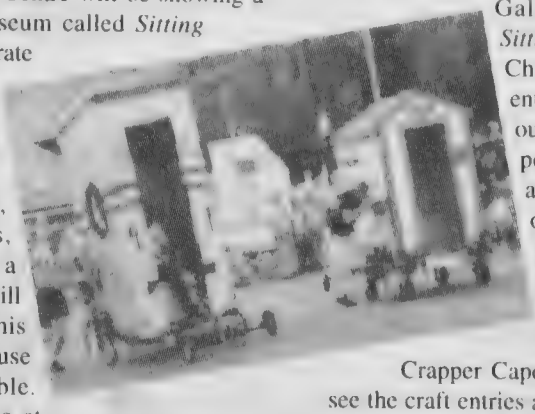
The Challenge: Make it, Take it!

Crapper Capers at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

By Laurie Carmount

The Centre is putting out the challenge for one of summer's biggest events in the County – the *Crapper Capers*. From mid-July to September the Centre will be showing a touring exhibition from the Guelph Museum called *Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet*. To celebrate this fun and education exhibition we are having the *Crapper Capers* on August 11 – an all day event with many silly and fun-filled family events.



Our challenge is to groups, businesses, camp councilors, councilors, teachers, police, or a collection of friends, to enter a team of 6-10 people for the day. Teams will compete in the great Outhouse race. This requires the team to construct an outhouse on wheels following guidelines available. Outhouses will be judged as well looking at creative design and construction. Fastest of the fastest will win The Cup and a cash prize of $100. Outhouses races begin at 3pm on Parkside Street.

From 1pm to 3pm teams will compete against each other in Crapper Events such as the whoopee cushion musical chairs, the pants-to-ankle-holding-toilet-roll relay, toilet seat horseshoe toss, toss the toilet roll, toilet mummy wrapping contest and much more. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these events. Teams with the most points will win a great prize.

Entry fee for the teams is $50. Entry forms with guidelines for outhouse construction are available at the Centre or by downloading from www.mindenculturalcentre.com. Follow entry rules and regulations.

Cake baking competition, photo contest & crapper craft contests

The whole family can have fun with this: bake a cake that looks like a toilet or enter the Outhouse Photo Contest. Photos will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery during the *Sitting Pretty* exhibition. Children and adults can enter the Crapper Crafts contest. Make a toilet out of mini marshmallows, draw an outhouse poster or write a poem 'Ode to the Toilet' and so much more. Create natural potpourri or a flower arrangement with a plunger. Get inventive and win prizes. Entry forms are on the cultural centre website as well as a list of all the crafts categories and deadlines.

Crapper Capers starts at 10am on August 11. Visit and see the craft entries and the Sitting Pretty exhibition. Interactive and educational this has been a well-received touring collection. Winners of all activities will be announced at 4pm. But not until we have the baked bean eating contest. Belly up to the table, boys, and eat that big bowl of beans as fast as you can! We leave this event to the end because, well...we don't want to have to deal with the 'aftermath'.

Pictured are similar races that have been held in other towns.. just to give you an idea of what to expect!!

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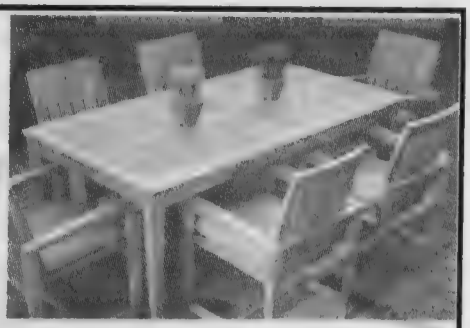

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- economist Edward Yardeni in Computer World, 1997. He stated there was a 30% chance Y2K would cause a worldwide recession. He later upped his prediction to 60%.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

Some Pro Athletes Pay It Forward

And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout; But there is no joy in Mudville - mighty Casey has struck out.

Ernest Thayer

The Senators swung and swung and swung and can now take solace on the summer links hitting little white spheres that thankfully don't hit back.

Summer means off-season. Off-season is a dangerous time for certain athletes. Off-Season means free time and free time is not good for some of the borderline Peter Pan's out there. Many of these guys don't like fishing, aren't into golf and don't like spending time curled up with the latest offering by John Grisham.

Instead, a lot of pro athletes find off-season solace in nightclubs, fast cars and an occasional dabble with various pharmaceuticals.

Steroids, greed, drugs, guns, crimes and misdemeanors occupy a great deal of today's sports pages, and fans tend to get a little disenchanted with the general malaise, especially when there's no actual games playing on the local idiot box to temper the impact of the tabloid headlines.

So it was nice to see two stories that surfaced recently about some professional players who actually seem to get it. Players who believe in the healing power of sport.

Players who just by nature of their inherent decency seem to realize that they can have more than just a passing impact on their communities by paying it forward.

Carleton Place is a little community just west of Ottawa and standing almost in the shadow of ScotiaBank Place, the home of the Ottawa Senators in Kanata. Carleton Place was also, until recently, home to 3-year-old hockey prodigy and fan, Elgin Fraser.

Elgin was awake and watching as the Senators crunched the favored Buffalo Sabres in five to advance to the Stanley Cup Finals. But Elgin wasn't well. He strained to stay awake as two of his favorite Senators Chris Phillips and Mike Fisher helped move the Senators to their first Stanley Cup appearance in the modern era.

Earlier in the season, little Elgin was adopted by the Senators, invited to the arena, given his own equipment and special Senators' jersey with the name "Fraser" emblazoned on the back.

Television footage, provided by a moving TSN documentary about Elgin, show him in the dressing room as the jersey was pulled over his equipment.

"I'm bigger now... Look, I'm bigger now!"

And the smile on little Elgin's face, well, if it didn't move you to tears then you're a tougher nut than this scribe.

Standing with his buddies, Phillips and Fisher, and sliding the puck between the legs of Ray "Razor" Emery, the smile on Elgin's face belied the struggle within. We hear a lot about heart, and strength and toughness during the course of an NHL game.

Those superlatives devolve into meaningless hyperbole when stacked up against the inner reserve and resiliency of Elgin Fraser.

Elgin died of neuroblastoma, a rare form of childhood cancer, on a Saturday evening, hours after watching his favorite team make it to the Stanley Cup Final.

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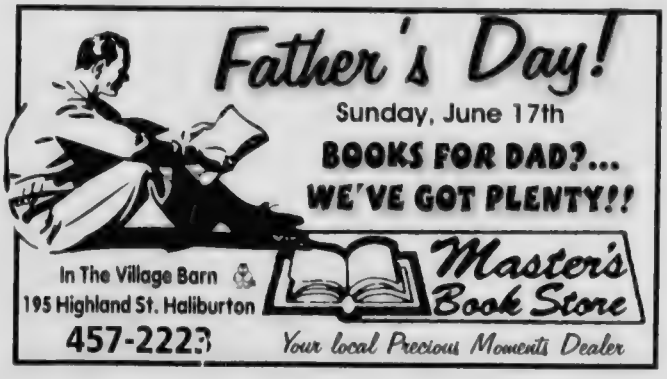

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According to a report from the Ottawa Citizen, "He spent his last hours snuggled between family and friends on a little bed made up in front of the television. Two hours later, with his mother and father by his side, holding his hands, he closed his eyes."

That Thursday, May 24, little Elgin's funeral was held, fittingly, in the small local hockey rink and was attended by 500 of Elgin Fraser's friends and fans. Bigger now, and headed for a Cup Run of his own, and, who knows, maybe a pick-up shinny date with Howie Morenz or Tim Horton.

"We were all captivated by Elgin - by his courageous spirit and his infectious smile," said Brenda Robinson, a child-life specialist who often spent time with Elgin at Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

And so, in the midst of their long-awaited and much anticipated run for the Stanley Cup, Mike Fisher and Chris Phillips acted as pallbearers walking slowly out of the rink beside the tiny coffin adorned with Elgin's small Senators' Jersey.

Yes Virginia, there is room in sports for big guys with big hearts. Call this one a victory over cynicism.

The NBA playoffs also contributed to this feel-good scenario in the person of Utah Jazz player Derek Fisher. Derek Fisher was a role model long before his family crisis brought he and his family into the limelight.

Fisher helped the Los Angeles Lakers win three consecutive championships earlier this decade and is one of the league's most respected players.

The Salt Lake Tribune reports:

"Hours before walking straight from the locker room to the middle of the EnergySolutions court late in the third quarter Wednesday night, pausing only to hug a teammate and believing he could help the Utah Jazz win a playoff game, Derek Fisher walked out of the operating room of a New York hospital, knowing he could not help his infant daughter.

"Ten months into her life, Tatum Fisher was facing a surgical procedure to treat a rare form of cancer, lodged in a tumor behind her left eye. She was sleeping. Her parents were terrified. 'You don't know if you'll get her back,' Derek Fisher said Thursday, recounting the varied emotions of the longest day of his life."

He kissed Tanya goodbye, and grabbed a plane back to Utah. He arrived at the airport and rushed to the arena, got dressed and hurried onto the court in the third quarter to the strains of a resounding standing ovation. He helped propel his Utah Jazz past the Golden State Warriors in overtime that night and in the process, through the sheer weight of his prowess and stature as a professional athlete he was also able to shed some light on a new form of treatment for a very debilitating childhood cancer.

Fisher and his wife brought Tanya to New York to visit Dr. David Abramson, a leading authority in a new method of treating retinoblastoma. When Tatum was diagnosed, Fisher knew very little about the cancer that strikes the retina behind the eye.

Now, Dr Abramson credits Fisher and the press coverage with educating the general public about the warning signs. As a result, says Abramson, who admitted that he didn't know anything about Fisher or his three Title Rings when the Fishers first presented at his door, kids who might have evaded prompt diagnosis are appearing at his door.

Today, Fisher knows a lot more about retinoblastoma. And he's using that knowledge to further the cause for early diagnosis. Fisher has fielded calls from happy parents who first learned about the disease while watching the playoffs and they are crediting him with subsequent diagnosis of their own children. Abramson says he is fielding calls on a daily basis.

So, this off-season when I hear yet another story about a pouting millionaire, or read about another diva pro athlete involved in a punch-up or a dogfight, I'm going to tune it out.

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Minden Hills Museum Receives $25,000 from Ontario Trillium Foundation

By Dianne Graham

We were thrilled to learn recently that the Minden Hills Museum had been awarded a $25,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to renovate and restore its Sterling Bank Building.

This charming red building was home to the town's first bank when it opened in 1915. Over the years, Sterling became Standard Bank, Imperial Bank of Commerce and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. When it was decided in 1954 that a more modern facility was required, the old building was moved to Peck Street to be used as the Minden Library.

The Minden Hills Museum began in 1984 with the acquisition of this very special building. We have worked to highlight its heritage over the years and many visitors are intrigued to learn of our 1946 bank robbery. The building has housed the office of our museum curator over the years, and more recently the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group library, but the surroundings have been rather uncomfortable – there was absolutely no insulation in the floors or walls. Not only will the renovation allow for better working conditions, but allows us to recreate part of the space to the original 1915 bank interior. Curator Carol Simmons already has plans to form a coin club and other "banking-related" activities.

Official Ceremony Taking Place June 29th

Join MPP Laurie Scott, Reeve Jim McMahon and our staff and volunteers for the grand launch of the renovated Sterling Bank on Friday, June 29th from 2 – 4 pm. The official ceremony will be at 2:30 with refreshments served. "Come on in and make a deposit! - you'll receive a special souvenir" Carol advises. Call her at 286-3154 for information.

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I'm going to spend my summer concentrating on the good guys. I'm going to think about little Elgin, Tanya, Derek Fisher, Chris Phillips and Mike Fisher. And just maybe I'll get a chance sometime to Pay It Forward.

Mark this one down as a Big Upset Win for the big guys with the big hearts.

More In The Locker Room with Terrance Coming Your Way....

In the locker Room is a new column by our newest writer, Terrance Gavan. Terrance has a background as a sports editor with the Interlake Publishing chain of newspapers in Manitoba... Stonewall, Selkirk and Gimli.
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This beautiful sixteenth century house was built by Sir John Spencer and has since become famous for being the childhood home of the Princess of Wales.

Althorp is reputedly haunted by one of its past servants whose responsibility when he was alive was to make sure candles were not left burning at night.

Since his death, he has appeared to many visitors who have left their candles burning while they sleep. He has appeared to sleeping guests, dressed in a striped shirt and cap and holding a lantern to his face. When they question what he is doing he usually walks off and disappears through a door.

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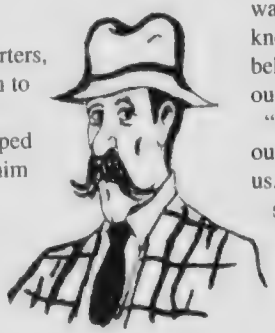
Callahan And Callahan



Quicksolve

As they walked down the hall at Police Headquarters, Sergeant Rebekah Shurshot explained the situation to Dr. J. L. Quicksolve. "We don't know if Casey Callahan is telling us the truth about being kidnapped by Carl Callahan, or if he's setting Carl up to get him out of the way so he can take over Callahan and Callahan."

"Are they brothers?" Dr. Quicksolve asked.

"No. They're not even related. They met at a convention a few years ago and thought it would be funny if they started a business together and called it Callahan and Callahan. They did start a business, but they argued about whose name was first on the sign and about nearly everything else ever since the business opened. There was a lot of animosity. They each wanted to get the business away from the other guy."

Sergeant Shurshot pushed open an unmarked door, and they walked into a small observation room. On the other side of what Dr. Quicksolve knew was a one-way mirror sat Casey Callahan. Lieutenant Rootumout was questioning him. Casey seemed quite composed for someone who had just escaped from a kidnapper who might well have intended to murder him. He sat calmly in his red woolen cardigan, smoking a pipe, and he began telling his story.

"I was working very late at the office. If we're going to have a successful business with a fancy office, somebody's got to do the work to pay for all that expensive carpeting and furniture and that fancy equipment my partner orders. He thinks I'm in charge of bringing the money in and it's his job to spend it.

"Anyway, I was alone in the building when Callahan... we call each other Callahan... when Callahan walks in. He says, 'It's over, Callahan,' and he pulls something out of his pocket and hits me over the head. It was some kind of a sap, a sock full of pellets or something. Anyway, it knocked me out of the chair. I was pretty dizzy. He tied my hands behind my back. He tied my feet together and dragged me by my feet out to his car.

"He took me to a little motel out in the country and put me in a room out toward the back, away from the street, where nobody would see us. I kept asking him what he was doing and why he was doing it. I said, 'You won't get away with this, Callahan!'

"He didn't tell me anything! All he would say was, 'It's over, Callahan!' Anyway, he tied me to the bed and left. When he was gone, I managed to get the ropes loose and get out of there. I got away from there because I was afraid he would come back. When I got home, I called the police. That's all there is. I'm sure he will deny everything. Maybe the judge will let me have my business, though."

"Lietenant Rootumout has a listening device in his ear," Sergeant Shurshot told Dr. Quicksolve. "We can talk to him. Do you want him to ask Callahan anything?"

"Yes," said Dr. Quicksolve. "Have him ask if the custodian at the office had finished before this happened. Then have Lieutenant Rootumout ask him what motel and what room he was taken to. That will go a long way in helping us find out if he is telling the truth or if he is trying to frame his partner."

HOW CAN THEY TELL IF THE STORY IS TRUE WITH THAT INFORMATION?

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Haliburton Land Trust Well Ahead of Many Long Established Land Trusts

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust was given a gold star at its Annual General Meeting, held June 9 at Fleming College's Haliburton campus.

April Mathes, vice-chair of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, told the 30 members and guests at the AGM, that Haliburton was well ahead of many long-established Land Trusts in its governance and accomplishments.

Mathes said the Land Trust movement is growing rapidly in Ontario. From 10 Trusts in 1993, the movement has grown to 37 in 2007, covering all of Ontario south of North Bay and most inhabited areas of the North. It protects about 460,000 acres.

The meeting was a chance for Haliburton chair Ian Daniel to formally report the Land Trust's acquisition of Norah's Island in Kennisis Lake, one of the accomplishments praised by Mathes.

It was on March 23 that legal title to the island was transferred from its owner, Bruce Carruthers, to the Land Trust, which will manage it in partnership with the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association.

Daniel, who will chair the Land Trust's board for another year, said it receives two or three inquiries a month about property donations and has three or four in its active files.

A land donation takes time as the board first evaluates the offer and then, if it is accepted, negotiates terms of the acquisition and clears a series of regulatory hurdles. It took a year to complete the Norah's Island transaction.

The chair also announced the hiring of Fay & Associates of Minden as resource development coordinators. The partnership of Michael Fay and Fay Martin is contracted to research & develop fund-raising opportunities and find supporters and volunteers.

Michael Fay is a well-known local playwright who worked in public health, education and community organizing before moving to Minden. Fay Martin has just retired as founding executive director of Family Services of Haliburton County.

Daniel, of Horseshoe Lake and Toronto, was re-appointed chair at the board meeting that followed the AGM. Also re-appointed were vice-chair Jeanne Anthon of Minden and secretary Sheila Ziman of West Guilford.

Lon Duncombe of Haliburton replaced Mary Anne Barkhouse of Minden as treasurer. Barkhouse remains on the board, as does Neil Campbell of Minden. Stephen Foster of Minden and Brent Wootton of Gooderham retired as directors.

The Land Trust's newest board member, Barrie Martin of West Guilford, has impressive environmental credentials with a long career at the Ministry of Natural Resources, notably as education services specialist at the Leslie Frost Centre at Dorset. He now works as a consultant as owner of Yours Outdoors.

Martin is co-chair of Friends of the Frost Centre, past president of the Trails and Tours Network and helped form the Haliburton County Stewardship Council. In 2002, he was honoured as Highlander (Citizen) of the Year.

For more information about the Land Trust and its work, please call 754-2532 or 457-7158 or click on http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/ on the internet.

Pictured are Ian Daniel President of the Haliburton Land Trust and April Mathes, Vice Chair of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance. April is showing Ian the Ontario Guide of Standards and Practices for Land Trusts.

Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Tall Tales of Murderous Mayhem

Authorities Were Not Buying Bernard Pesquet Story

France was occupied by Germany in 1941 when 19-year-old Bernard Pesquet was convicted of murdering his best friend, Julien Quivel.

Bernard admitted hitting Julien over the head with an iron bar, but claimed that Julien was a German informant and that he had killed him to protect his country.

It goes without saying that such a defence did not sit well in German-occupied France.

The court preferred to believe that robbery was the motive. Bernard was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

SERVED 21 YEARS

Twenty-one years later, Bernard was released from prison. He settled in the Paris suburb of Pierrelaye and was considered something of a celebrity by the locals.

Within a year, he had built up a thriving painting and decorating business and had earned the respect of the townsfolk.

Bernard was even a valued member of the local chamber of commerce.

In 1968, he met and wed attractive Christiane Ruaux.

Although Christiane proved to have expensive tastes, the marriage appeared to be a happy one until Nov. 24, 1974.

That was the day Christiane disappeared with everything of value in the Pesquet home.

She took several of Bernard's suits, which gave everyone a chuckle. You see, Bernard had the undersized body of a jockey.

If Christiane had run away with a lover who could use her husband's suits, he had to be a very small man indeed.

Bernard wept, but life went on.

On April 30, 1976, the good citizens of Pierrelaye had another bit of gossip to talk about.

A local real estate agent, Henri Francqui, 68, vanished off the face of the earth.

Nothing had been taken from his office or home. Francqui, who had lived alone, simply didn't show up at his office and was never seen again.

Two months later, while police were looking for Francqui or his body, another tragedy took place.

This time, the Paris suburb of Neuilly-sur-Seine was the locale of a triple murder.

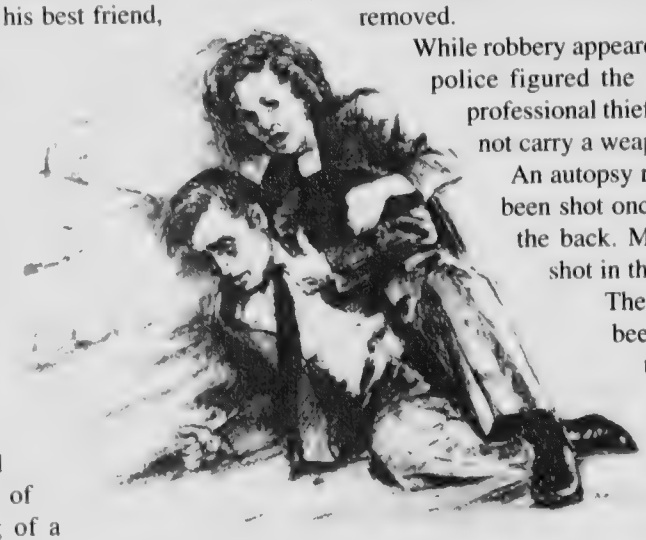
Emile and Elizia Bergaud were a wealthy couple who failed to keep a dinner engagement with their son-in-law.

Emile was 73 years old, Elizia, 63. Together with their maid, Alfia Borgioni, they were found shot to death in their apartment.

Detectives found a sheet of plastic in the dining room of the Bergaud's apartment. It was caked with dried blood.

The killer had found a hidden safe in the bathroom. It had been opened and the contents removed.

A lady's purse lay open on the bedroom floor. All cash had been removed.



While robbery appeared to be the logical motive, police figured the killer was an amateur. A professional thief rarely kills and often does not carry a weapon.

An autopsy revealed Mrs. Bergaud had been shot once in the head and twice in the back. Mr. Bergaud had also been shot in the head and in the arm.

The maid, Alfia Borgioni, had been strangled and then shot through the head while unconscious.

Ballistic testing indicated that all the shots had been fired from the same weapon, a .38 calibre revolver.

Police figured that the blood bath had taken place to prevent the victims from indentifying the robber.

ANALYSING THE SCENE

After analysing the scene of the crime and studying the trajectory of the bullets, it was ascertained that the man who fired the .38 was small in stature. The bullets had travelled at an upward angle.

The safe, which had been well hidden in a bathroom closet, would probably not be found by someone unless they knew where to look.

The safe was a well constructed, complicated affair and could only be opened by someone who had a knowledge of safes and was handy with tools.

It didn't take long for the name Bernard Pesquet to pop to the surface. Men who had a criminal record were checked out first.

Bernard fit most of the prerequisites. He was small and, although he didn't know the Bergauds on a personal level, he had recently papered and painted their apartment.

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Bernard was questioned. Initially, he denied all, claiming police persecution because of his criminal record dating back over 20 years.

However, a search of his home uncovered Swiss, English and Belgian coins, as well as an American Express card made out to Emile Bergaud. Bernard attempted to bluff.

He claimed the money was his own savings.

As for the American Express card, he told officers he had left a book of wallpaper samples with the Bergauds.

They must have dropped the card in the book. Bernard had found the card and intended to return it.

A HORDE OF EVIDENCE

While Bernard's story fell within the realm of possibility, he was unable to come up with a comparable yarn to account for the horde of evidence in his barn.

Detectives found gold bars, Mrs. Bergaud's jewellery and the key to the Bergauds's apartment.

They also uncovered Christiane Pesquet's driver's license and an identification card belonging to Henri Francqui.

Bernard told his interrogators that Christiane and Francqui had been lovers and had run off together.

No one believed the unlikely tale. Instead of questioning him further, police proceeded to dig up his yard. Bernard was forced to watch. He didn't flinch for a moment.

When the diggers discontinued their efforts, he broke into a wide grin. Things became downright serious when the police concentrated their efforts on the basement of his house.

Resigned to the consequences, Bernard stated matter of factly, "You may run across two bodies there." He was right on the button.

The bodies of his wife, Christiane, and Henri Francqui were uncovered.

Autopsies and ballistics tests proved that both had been shot with the same weapon which had taken the lives of the Bergauds and their maid, Alfia Borgioni.

Bernard now told a different story. He and Christiane had argued over her affair with Francqui.

She wanted money so that she could take off with her lover. When he refused, she pulled out the .38. In the ensuing struggle, she was shot.

As for Francqui, Bernard had argued with him over Christiane. Francqui pulled a gun on him. Bernard claimed he had no choice but to fire in self defense. Unfortunately for Bernard, both victims had been shot in the back.

When informed of this inconsistency in his story, Bernard could only stare at the floor. He wasn't smiling any more.

On Oct. 8, 1982, Bernard Pesquet was found guilty of five counts of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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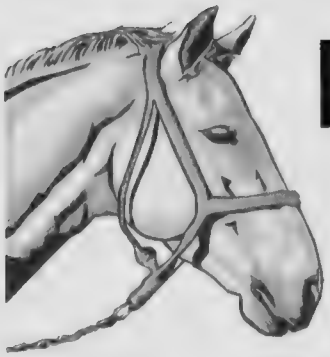

LIFE ON THE FARM

By Terrance Gavan

"In every block of marble I see a statue as plain as though it stood before me, shaped and perfect in attitude and action. I have only to hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes as mine see it."—Michelangelo

The artist sees what most do not. The gift brings function, form and beauty to an otherwise unremarkable slab of marble.

Michelangelo saw life in bas-relief and his genius brought David to the world.

Local contractor and farmer, Kevin Kent would never deign to compare his current foray into the world of subsistence farming with Michelangelo's prodigious body of work.

But truth be told, there is argument for comparison.

Simply put, Kevin Kent sees opportunity, enterprise and a hearkening to a simpler existence where others see only hardscrabble, bedrock and the unrelenting onslaught of upscale cottage development.

Grandad Kelvin

"We have 75 acres here and we're slowly trying to chisel it back out of the bush," says Kent, who along with wife Gail and their two kids Brittany and Brady have taken on the formidable task of reclaiming an arable patch of productive sod from a pastiche of "God's Granite" on the Blairhampton Road.

Talk about "hewing away at the rough walls."

Kent will be the first to admit that it's no mean feat, trading punches with an opponent as entrenched and formidable as the Canadian Shield. Rocky Balboa may be in his twentieth incarnation, but Kevin Kent is beginning to realize just how hard it can be to bob, weave and counter against topographic odds. Vegas would be parlaying at least 10-1 on the rock-jawed veteran in this fight, but we should never underestimate the resiliency of the human spirit.

"If there was a market for trees and rocks, we could make a pretty good living here," chuckles Kent, whose good-natured take on his fantastic foray into farming belies the fire in his gut.

"When we bought this property three years ago, there were people who said we wouldn't last five minutes," says Kent, who grew up in Oshawa, but whose roots here in the Haliburton Highlands and Minden Hills run as deep as the pernicious bedrock which at times seems to envelop every available inch of this country.

How far back? Kevin says that his great aunt's name can be traced back to records in the Minden post office as far back as 1862. The Kent name is firmly entrenched in this part of the Highlands. "I

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Local Family Enjoying Life On The Farm And All That Comes With It

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always tell people who ask about my family, that it's easier to tell you who I'm not related to."

And by some remarkable twist of luck, fortune or fate, the 75-acre spread just happens to be right across the road from the Kent's old homestead. The bush has reclaimed almost all of the evidence of the old place, but Kevin days that a neighbor has located traces of the old foundation.

Kent has fond memories of those formative years on his Granddad's farm, riding horses, haying and just generally reveling in the atmosphere, the freedom and the lifestyle.

"I grew up in Oshawa, but I spent all my summers here on the farm," says Kevin. "It's something that gets in your blood. They say some people are born to it and I must be one of them."

So, the county pundits may have their doubts but the Kent family remains steadfast, fists tight on the reins of the dream. Odds be damned, this family is here for the long run.

The hard fact remains that small farms usually depend on some secondary form of income just to survive. "Unless you inherit the land, it's very hard for a new farmer to make a start today," says Kevin. "Secondary income is necessary if you want to survive."

And the Kent's have had to make some substantial employment commitments to keep their farm afloat over the past three years. Kevin operates Kent Contracting, building houses, doing local renovations and "pouring a lot of concrete" to subsidize the farm. He recently purchased a sawmill to supplement various building and land-clearing projects. Kent Contracting along with Gail's job at the TD Bank in Minden have helped to keep the goats, sheep, cattle, horses, chickens and dogs fed over the past three winters and both Kevin and Gail allow that it's a small price to pay to pursue this lifestyle.

Gail is philosophical about the journey. "It's a choice we made and I like to stress that there's a calmness to life here," says Gail. "I work in such a hectic job and it's very calming when I come home. I spend some time watching the animals and there's a feeling that this is where I want to be.

"I can be having *the* worst day, but when I get home and see the animals, well, everything is fine," says Gail, whose Newfoundland roots and Newmarket, Ontario upbringing may have left her a little unprepared for this transition to the rural scene.

"This is a dream," says Gail, "and every day is special." Special does not mean that the Kent's life is without its challenges.

"There have been sheep in the kitchen and we've had lambs in the kitchen," says Kevin, who like any good farmer takes the well being of his livestock seriously. The inconvenience of preparing dinner while avoiding the sleeping form of a sick lamb is a small price to pay when you add up all the positives.

Recently, Brady literally adopted a brood of 15 goat kids nursing them on a bottle 3 times a day for 8 weeks. Everyone pitches in when there's work to be done.

THE BULL GOES WALKABOUT

Oh, and then there are the "Wingfield" days. Days when it seems that you're actually reliving Act One of a Dan Needle's play.

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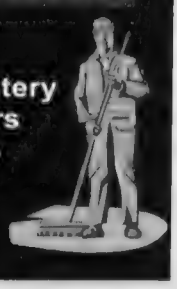

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Farming Life In Haliburton County

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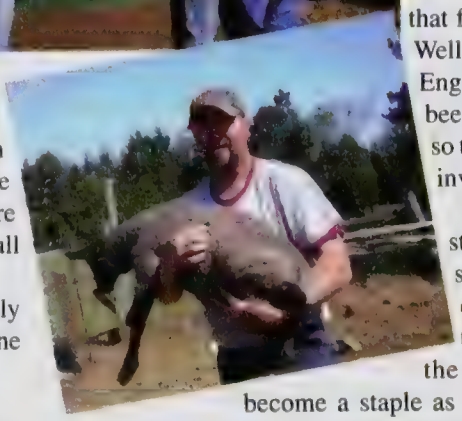
"I get a call from work one morning and it's someone asking if we had a white bull, because there was a white bull walking along the road," says Gail. Now at times like this Gail says she likes to pass ownership onto the man of the house. "I always say that the animals are Kevin's," chuckles Gail. And this was a Kevin job, because this bull was apparently not just on a leisurely stroll. He was taking on steam and seemed to have adopted a purpose.

"Kevin was out on a job site and I couldn't get in touch with him, and then I received a few more calls at work. I have no idea where he was going, but everyone who saw him seemed to know he was ours and they phoned me," says Gail.

Gail says that after the fourth call she eventually had to leave work early to track Kevin down on the job site. Another call from some affable bovine rescuers came with the good news that the bull had been corralled on a neighbor's property. "We got there and they told us that he had left again," chuckles Kevin. This bull was taking the song *"Don't Fence Me In"* to heart.

"We eventually caught up with him and I think he was actually on his way back to our place," laughs Kevin, who adds that in the middle of all this he had to make the inevitable call to the owner telling him that his bull was MIA.



"He told me that he had done this before, and that he might have been coming back home," says Kevin.

And the cause of this sudden dereliction of duty? Kevin says that he had rented the bull to service his Hereford cows and the bull's owner had warned him that this particular bull wasn't all that fond of the Hereford breed. Well, the French (Charolais) and English (Hereford) have never been all that fond of each other, so there could be a little history involved here.

But the brightest part of the story has to be the laughter shared at the retelling. One only has to look at the faces to know that, "The Case of the Fickle White Bull" will become a staple as the Kent grandkids gather round the table at the homestead on Blairhampton road twenty years from now.

For now, the Kent's are busy trying to make their livestock operation pay dividends. Ideally Kevin would like to see a regular base of customers. "We can sell the sheep and goats at the auction, but I would really like to build up a local base of customers," says Kevin. If he could supply lamb and goat meat locally, that would forego a dependence upon trucking livestock to the sales barns and the subsequent reliance on the set prices and capricious

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Kent Family Working Hard To Keep Farm Going

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livestock pricing which can change drastically from one day to the next.

The anomaly in this eclectic mix of livestock seems to be the three horses. Now Kevin will admit a little sheepishly that the noted hay burners don't really serve a valid purpose. "No, we don't ride them, and they do eat a lot," laughs Kevin, who adds that one was actually rescued from a livestock auction.

"But I ran into an old-timer and he told me that this wouldn't be a *'Kent Farm'* unless we had some horses." And truth be told, they do serve a purpose. A young neighbor comes over often to visit the horses and the way her youthful eyes light up when she arrives is, according to Kevin, worth every ounce of alfalfa it takes to feed them. There is room in this dream for the larger purpose.

Meanwhile, they still have a steady business selling farm fresh eggs from the approximately 80 or so laying hens that Gail and Brittany tend to. The sign at the entrance to the farm says "Eggs for Sale" and Kevin allows that people are stopping and buying, now that they realize they can buy their eggs for less than they pay at the regular supermarket.

"We're just trying to grow a bit every year, that's our goal right now," says Kevin, who also appreciates the loyalty of his livestock customers who think of him first when they have a contracting job. And that's nice says Kevin. To know that people respect what he and his family are doing and are willing to support the enterprise in many different ways.

"We can see a change over the last three years," says Kevin. *"Diversification"* is the battle cry of many small farmers in Ontario these days and the Kent's are no different.

Along with managing the "egg-marketing" branch of the business, Gail is also busy utilizing the wool from their 45-50 sheep, spinning and manufacturing wool blankets. She is also involved in a rather ambitious renovation of the original farmhouse. The Kent's built a new house on the property shortly after buying the farm from Mike Miscio. Gail is already busy renovating the original log structure that has been on the property since about 1860.

"Eventually I want to do my spinning in there and sell my quilts and my wool blankets," says Gail.

Kevin can remember when this little corner of Blairhampton Road was a thriving farming community.

"It's hard to believe," says Kevin, "but there used to be a lot of farmland in this area. I can remember haying here when I was a kid, sitting on the back of the rake, riding horses to work every day."

But as he says, it doesn't take long for nature to revert to form. Trees now crowd out every available nook-and-cranny of land that once pastured small herds of sheep and cattle.

"We're busy right now trying to reclaim some pasture back from the trees," says Kevin. "Eventually we'd like to have enough pasture for the sheep who don't really have a lot of fresh grass right now."

This summer Kevin intends to start clearing brush with a vengeance and he's getting some help from a very interested third party.

"My father has been away from the farm for most of his life," says Kevin. "He moved away from the farm to work for GM in Oshawa."

Kevin's Dad and Mom, Lyle and Betty-Lou Kent, are now retired and have moved back to Haliburton. Lyle and Betty-Lou will literally be living in the backyard of the Kent's Blairhampton Road farm this summer. "Dad's giving the house in Haliburton to my aunt for the summer and he and my mom are going to park their motor home right in the yard," says Kevin. He adds that his dad is looking forward to the adventure. "He wants to help me clear the land and he didn't want to waste time every day driving back and forth from Haliburton." He adds that his father is very excited about the prospect of returning to the land, even if it's just for a summer.

"Who knows," chuckles Kevin, "Maybe I'll teach him how to run the sawmill."

And who knows, maybe there is still space for a dream here on the rough edges of the Canadian Shield.

Maybe all it takes is an ability to see what others cannot.

Maybe all it takes is a chisel and an axe.

"I pass a sign on the highway," says Kevin. "It says, *'Farmers Feed Cities'* and I like that, because it's true."

And just maybe, all it really takes is the passion to "**hew away the rough walls that imprison the lovely apparition to reveal it to the other eyes."**

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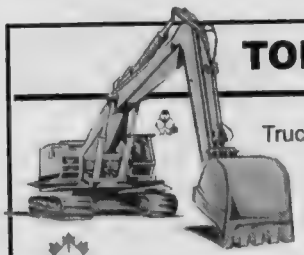

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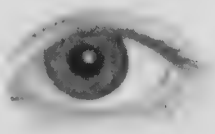
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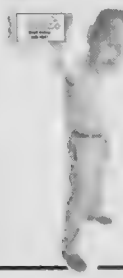

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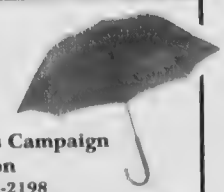

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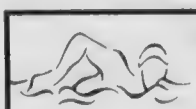

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Gull Lake - $499,000

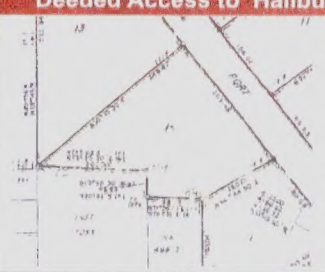
Excellent privacy with 170`of lake frontage in this 2 storey cedar pan abode cottage with walkout basement. Level lot from cottage to smooth rock/sandy beach shoreline with big lake view. Lots of room to play out the front of the cottage. Over an acre & more than 1700 sq.ft of lvg. space. Call Hal or Patti today!

Patti Johnson &
Hal Johnson **
(705) 286-1234
ext 238

Perfect Starter or Retirement Home - $92,500

Perfect starter or retirement home. 2 Bedrooms with full bath. Newer septic and well. Double garage with workshop and a single attached garage at back.. Great pine trees. Walk to public access on Little Hawk Lake. A must see. Priced to sell at $92,500.. Call Madeline Doyle

Deeded Access to Haliburton Lake - $58,900



Great alternative to direct lakefront. Beautifully treed flat lot with deeded access to Haliburton Lake, a short walk to lake with great shoreline for swimming or dock for your boat. Quiet neighbourhood close to Fort Irwin . One fourteenth interest in Block B and Block D. Contact Madeline Doyle to view.

Madeline Doyle*
(705) 457-2414
(top right)

Head Lake - $329,000

Head Lake (Norland) spaciouse & bright 4 season cottage/home on a level lot with sunset views. double garage & a single garage & so much more. Asking $329,000. more pictures at

www.haliburton-realestate.com

South Lake - $229,000

South Lake, open concept, 3 bedroom cottage, with boathouse & private deck on top. Level lot, big lake view, w/o from living room. Only $229,000. more pictures at

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Grace Lougheed **
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Horseshoe Lake - $649,900

Maintenance free construction for turn key enjoyment. Home/cottage features: manufactured hardwood oak flooring installed over drycore, hot tub built into deck, multi-level decking, 200 amp service, heated water line, private balcony off the master bedroom, all e-gon windows, and quality garden doors. New propane Porcelain and nickel stove in living room, Architectural shingles, one and half car garage. EXECUTIVE LIVING!!

Denna Lake - $329,000

DENNA GREAT COTTAGE, 145 feet of sandy shoreline, with a level lot, great swimming and boating. Cottage features, knotty pine walls and floors, 3 bedrooms, 4pce bath. Quiet lake with shoreline owned.

Al Mayo *
(705) 286-1234
ext 233

Denna Lake - $279,000

Three bedroom cottage on Denna Lake with 100 frontage - well treed for privacy - level at shoreline - eastern exposure - move in and enjoy, great starter at a great price.

Canning Lake - $375,000

Canning Lake, spacious & open 3 bedroom cottage, 150 feet waterfront on Canning Lake, good docks, almost level lot.

Debra Lambe *
(705) 457-2414
ext 24

Country Home - $105,000

Affordable and well maintained 2 bedroom home on 1.97 acres. Features include modern kitchen, large livingroom/diningroom, 4 pce. bath, vinyl siding, propane and wood heating, two decks and 2 outbuildings. Close to snowmobile trails and shopping. Must see to appreciate. Call Debra Lambe f/app't to view.

Meticulous Haliburton Home

In popular neighbourhood and in lovely area of homes, minutes fr/Haliburton village. Features include split entry foyer, 3 b.r.s (master w/ensuite), 1-4 pce. W/jacuzzi, large eat-in kitchen w/modern cabinetry, bright l.r. and sunroom, finished family room w/propane stove. Hardwood flooring throughout most of main floor. Large deck overlooking large private backyard. Newer septic.

Michelle &
Chris Smolarz *
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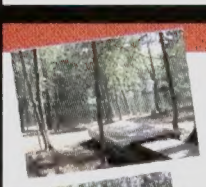
Kennisis Riverfront Home - $289,000

Custom home on a private 3+-acre 460-river front. Beautifully landscaped grounds. Swim & fish by your dock- boat to Halls Lake. Luxury options: built-in appl, Jacuzzi tub, wet sauna, propane fp, screened deck, hardwood & ceramic flrs, central vac & more. Wired generator, a double heated workshop/garage, Finish the guest cabin that is on a full foundation to your taste. Much more - a must see!

Building Lots on Pelaw River



Fabulous 2-acre level waterfront lot -154 feet of deep clean sandy frontage on Pelaw River. Large prestigious three lake chain of Big & Little Redstone and Pelaw Lakes just a few lots away. Nice mature treed level lot with a cozy bunkie cabin with a covered deck. **$249,000**

Fabulous large level waterfront building lot with 178 feet of deep clean frontage on Pelaw River. Nice mature treed level lot with private driveway in and building site prepared with underground hydro, water and septic installed. **$184,900**

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Mountain Lake - $449,900

Spectacular private setting with 180 degree panoramic view. 330 ft. clean rock & sand frontage on 2 lake chain and 2.43 acres of well treed privacy. Year round Caledon pine log home. Features a floor to ceiling stone fireplace, hardwood floors, pine kitchen with centre island plus loads more! 42 x 12 foot decking- numerous trails- last property on dead end road.

Kashagawigamog Lake - $439,900

4 bdrm, 3-washroom 2400 sq ft home with partly finished walkout lower level. 2-acre lot with 35 ft on 5 lake chain. Close to Haliburton. Features; ceramics & hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, main floor laundry, sunroom, new kitchen with granite countertops, formal dining room, master bedroom ensuite, lower level rec room and office, all rooms with voice and data jacks. Detached & attached double garage.

Haliburton - $429,900

Custom built 2 year new 1728 sq ft home loaded in upgrades. Fully finished lower level, double attached garage, landscaped yard with decking, and boat slip on 5-lake chain. Features two fireplaces, custom kitchen with centre island, master bedroom 5 pce ensuite, main floor laundry, slate floor, centralair and vacuum, all appliances, high speed internet plus bonus flat screen T.V.

Head Lake - $549,900

138 ft frontage, within exclusive 'Haliburton By the Lake' subdivision. R2000 Royal Home w/ 1450 sq ft plus 195 sq ft sunrm, + partially finished w/o basement & double car garage. Features stunning kitchen, formal din. rm, liv. rm w/ cathedral ceiling & propane F/P, master bdrm w/ walk thru closets & whirlpool tub ensuite. Lower level partially finished in pine with a 3pc bath, bedroom, Beautiful yard-decking and docking.